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Federal aid to Saipan passes \$25M

Federal aid to Typhoon Soudelor survi-
vors on Saipan has passed \$25 million.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved just over \$20 million in Individual Assistance to households on the island, and the U.S. Small Business Administration has approved nearly \$5.9 million in low-interest disaster loans to Saipan home-

owners, renters, and businesses.

FEMA provides grants while SBA lends money at below-market rates to survivors.

FEMA has approved nearly \$14.1 million in Household Assistance (HA) and more than \$5.9 million in Other Needs As-

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House, Senate finally adopt budget bill

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school principals**

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REPORTER

The year fiscal 2016 budget talks finally was resolved in a compromise bill yesterday that endorses salary raises, tourism program cuts, and gives expenditure authority to public school

principals, in budget provisions that were first proposed by senators and eventually backed by House representatives.

That bill—H.B. 19-86, HD6, SSI, CCSI—will now be entertained by both the Senate and the House of Representatives today when they

meet in the afternoon.

At 4:42 pm yesterday, the bicameral committee tasked with resolving differences between two versions of next year's budget adjourned their session, ending weeks of prolonged negotiations and delays as Gov.

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FEMA experts educate public on how to rebuild stronger homes

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As part of their mitigation program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is educating the public on how to build or rebuild to reduce the likelihood of damage when the next time disaster will strike.

Until Oct. 4, rebuilding experts will be at True Value in Beach Road, Garapan on weekdays from 10am to 4pm, Saturday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, and Sundays from 9am to 1pm FEMA said more locations will be announced soon.

"We're here to show them how to rebuild stronger. Nobody

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FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Federal Emergency Management Agency mitigation's Melva Guzman educates interested residents how to better build or rebuild their homes through the use of hurricane straps at TrueValue in Garapan.



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School supplies were donated to the children seeking shelter at Karidat's Guma Esperansa by Soroptimist International of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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A district governor of the Rotary International visited the Rotary Club of Saipan to reiterate their international club's theme for 2015-2016.

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Local

Petition to prevent Wiseman from presiding over Ogumoro case denied

The CNMI Supreme Court has denied former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro's petition that seeks an order to prevent Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman from presiding over his criminal case for his alleged role in shielding then-attorney general Edward Buckingham from being served with penal summons in 2012.

Citing a precedent case, the justices said a writ of mandamus or prohibition is appropriate in extraordinary circumstances.

Under the five factors to issue a writ of mandamus or prohibition, the justices said they find

that Ogumoro does not demonstrate that an extraordinary remedy is warranted.

In resolving Ogumoro's petition, the justices weighed the five factors: whether Ogumoro has no other adequate means, such as a direct appeal; he will sustain damage or prejudice that cannot be rectified on appeal; Judge Wiseman's decision constitutes clear error; Wiseman's decision is "an oft-repeated error;" or evinces a "persistent disregard of applicable rules"; and Wiseman's decision triggers novel and important issues, or issues of first impression.

Associate Justice John A.

Manglona and Justice Pro Tems Robert J. Torres and Herbert D. Soll, who heard the petition, said they will issue a separate opinion for publication consistent with this order.

The justices have yet to rule on Ogumoro's other petition that seeks to prohibit the Superior Court from appointing former Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback as special prosecutor in the case.

Ogumoro's counsel Edward Arriola Sr. argued, among other things, that Wiseman erred in not recusing himself after making a probable cause determination in support of the arrest for

Ogumoro and for engaging in ex parte communication with special prosecutor Hasselback.

Hasselback argued, among other things, that Wiseman only determined probable cause and has not prejudged anyone.

Ogumoro is facing 15 counts of criminal charges.

In this case, only the charges against Ogumoro and co-defendants former Commonwealth Ports Authority police chief Jordan Kosam and former CPA police captain John T. Rebuénog are pending in court.

Former governor Benigno R. Fitial pleaded guilty, while Buckingham was convicted during a bench trial. As The

case against Fitial's former personal driver and bodyguard Jer-

maine Joseph W. Nekaifes was dismissed. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Bill introduced to tax sweet tooths

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Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) is introducing a "Health Impact Tax bill" that will tax sugar-sweetened beverages and sugar-sweetened concentrate.

Ogumoro says she is targeting the alarming rate of non-communicable diseases, or NCDs, in the CNMI.

"Following months of work and additional input from members of the NCD Alliance, I am pleased to introduce a bill targeting one of the biggest culprits contributing to high NCD rates in our community—sugar sweetened beverages," said Ogumoro in a statement.

"Non-communicable diseases cause a significant loss in longevity, quality of life, and loss to workforce productivity in the CNMI. The current generation is dying prematurely or losing functionality because of non-communicable diseases thereby curbing human capital and crippling the economy. The costs of off-island medical referrals, hemodialysis, cancer treatment, and the burdens on CNMI families are exorbitant," Ogumoro said.

Ogumoro says the bill will prevent and control obesity and associated diseases by establishing a fee to discourage excessive consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages sold in the Commonwealth; designate the fees to be used in programs to prevent and control obesity and

its co-morbidities; and assist the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to meet and satisfy its debts with the Marianas Public Land Trust.

The bill will assess a \$0.04 per ounce tax on all sugar-sweetened beverages, as well as on syrups and powders which contribute to the largest volume of sugar-sweetened beverage produced from the use of said syrup or powder.

The bill establishes a "Special Healthcare Impact Account." The Secretary of Finance shall collect all revenues from the Health Impact Tax, and deposit collections into the Special Healthcare Impact Account. The bill states that 25 percent of the revenues collected will be deposited to the Diabetes Maintenance program, for programs to lower rates of obesity and diabetes and increase diabetics' capacity to manage their condition.

According to the bill, 25 percent of revenues collected will be deposited in a fund for community health grants, intended to be used towards community based prevention and research projects, which shall be administered by the Division of Public Health. The bill also said 50 percent of revenues collected shall be designated and appropriated continuously for the purpose of paying, debt service, inclusive of principal and interest, of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

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US govt asks court to issue warrant to 'arrest' TDHC's \$2.5M

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The U.S. government on Monday requested the federal court's clerk of court to issue a warrant to arrest the \$2.5 million that the

owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino has agreed to pay as part of the \$3.03-million settlement of a criminal case.

In the U.S. government's application for warrant of arrest in rem, Assistant U.S. Attorneys

Marivic P. David, Russell H. Lorfing, and Ross K. Naughton said a Supplemental Rule for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions provides that if property is subject to forfeiture in a civil forfeiture case, and the property is in the U.S. government's possession, custody or control, the clerk of court "must issue a warrant to arrest this property."

Last Aug. 21, the U.S. government filed a complaint for civil forfeiture that seeks the forfeiture of Tinian Dynasty's \$2.5 million.

Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd., owner of Tinian Dynasty, gave the \$2.5 million to the U.S. gov-

ernment in the form of a check last July 23 pursuant to their non-prosecution deal.

The new owners of Hong Kong Entertainment and the U.S. government have agreed not to prosecute the criminal case against HKE in exchange for HKE's forfeiture of \$3.03 million.

Last July, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed the criminal charges against HKE, based on the U.S. government's request.

In the forfeiture complaint, the prosecutors asked the court to order all persons having an interest in the funds to appear in court and explain why the for-

feiture should not be decreed.

The parties entered into a non-prosecution agreement that requires Tinian Dynasty to forfeit \$3,036,969.12—the largest forfeiture ever collected by the U.S. in the CNMI.

Pursuant to the non-prosecution deal that the parties signed, HKE has made a payment of \$2.5 million to the U.S. government.

With the \$2.5 million payment, HKE does not need to pay more because the \$536,969.12 that federal agents previously seized from Tinian Dynasty is also forfeited to the U.S. government, bringing to a total forfeited amount of \$3,036,969.12.

The U.S. government filed in

November last year 158 criminal charges against HKE.

The charges are one count of conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a currency transaction report or CTR, 155 counts of failure to file a CTR, one count of failure to file a suspicious activity report, and one count of failure to maintain an effective anti-money laundering program. The indictment has also a notice of forfeiture.

SHEFA mulls tie up with NMC's Prior Learning Assessment

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Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance is studying a proposal to help to fund Northern Marianas College's Prior Learning Assessment, a program where learning is gained outside a traditional academic environment.

NMC provides credit for Prior Learning wherein college credit is awarded for knowledge gained through training, employment, and life-experiences, as self-assessed and documented in a portfolio.

Prior Learning Assessment is a 3-credit course being offered at NMC that helps students develop a portfolio that includes a written analysis of what they learned and how they applied this knowledge in the workplace at a level that merits college credit consideration.

SHEFA board member Ursula Aldan, who chairs the committee on policy and procedure, said that this would help CNMI students become active in the workplace.

In a board meeting last July, Aldan said she would work with NMC in considering the program later last month, however, there isn't any further details.

SHEFA chair Oscar Babauta agreed with the idea and supported it wholly, noting that NMC's professional development program will allow individuals working

either in the government or the private sector to utilize their work experience toward earning a college degree.

So far, Aldan is working with SHEFA's program and development committee to take a look at statutes and consider providing a set amount every year.

An example of the assistance Aldan proposed is \$100,000 for government workers interested in turning their experience to college credits and obtaining a degree.

"This is a very good program that we can revisit and help those in the work area who don't have a degree but can get one through NMC's program," Aldan said.



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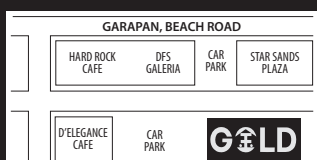
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'A chef is more than just the cooking'

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Being an executive chef is more than just having the skills to cook delicious food.

This is the philosophy of Aqua Resort Club's new executive chef Ed Olarte.

"You need to think of what you're going to present, not only in terms of quality and taste, but

you also need to balance your expenditure," Olarte said.

Just three months after starting at Aqua Resort, Olarte said he already implemented changes in their menu, how they present food, as well as how they run things in their kitchen.

With more than 40 years in the industry under his belt, most of it on Saipan, Olarte already knows what he's doing working

in the kitchen.

Prior to ARC, Olarte worked for Hyatt Regency Saipan from 1986 to 2012. He also worked for a time in Guam and at Coral Ocean Point Resort Club.

In Olarte's book, the wise way of using food and ingredients is needed.

"You need to present the food good and make use of the ingredients in a smart way," he said.

One example of this is what Chef Ed did to one of their items for their Seafood Night.

"What I noticed, especially during our Seafood Night, which is really popular, food cost is high. I noticed how they present, for example the smoked salmon, a lot of the food gets wasted," Olarte said.

"What I did, I presented it in a different way. We used the Mexican fajitas to wrap slices of smoked salmon and cream cheese," he added.

Another of Chef Ed's beliefs is that you have to know what the people want—and to do that, you

have to really talk to them.

"When there are a lot of customers, I go out and talk to our customers. That's part of my job, to know what their feedback is regarding our food," Olarte said.

"What they say, I relay them to my cooks," he added.

Olarte also believes that the presentation is what really hooks customers to the food first before the taste, so he tells his cooks to present food in the most appetizing way possible.

"I tell them, the customer's first impression is what you want to get first. Once they

enter the room, you have to wow them with how the food is presented and build their appetite," Olarte said, "Second, you have to get them by the taste of the food."

To try out Olarte and his cooks' specialties, dine at ARC Costa Terrace Restaurant where they have special dinner buffets every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Their famous Seafood Night is on Tuesdays and Fridays while Steak Night is on Saturdays. They also have lunch buffets with different themes everyday and special brunch on Sundays.



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Ed Olarte is Aqua Resort Club's new executive chef. Olarte is introducing new items and reinventing ARC's menu to hook more customers to their table.

CUC reports fuel leak at Lower Base

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is repairing a fuel leak down at Lower Base, excavating the area and around and pooling out product oozing out of the damaged pipe, says acting executive director John Riegel yesterday.

CUC first noticed fuel emerging through a cut in pavement right near the Mobil Fuel Farm on Monday. CUC was pressurizing a pipeline down to a power plant in Lower Base.

Riegel said it was not a "major spill." He could not provide how many gallons have leaked, but said at the end of day yesterday, on-site crew

reported filling up a 55-gallon drum of fuel emerging from the leak.

That was only for the product left in the pipeline, Riegel noted, though, and not the fuel that already leaked. The pipeline was immediately depressurized when the leak was reported on Monday, according to Riegel.

"There was a leak emerging through a cut in the pavement. That's how we knew there was a leak. We stopped pumping and started looking. We dug down to the pipe. And at the location we were excavating, there was no leak there so we just started chasing the pipe back, eventually we came across a little hole in the pipe,"

Riegel told *Saipan Tribune*.

"[The] product is being washed from the pipe," Riegel said. "They are pumping it out of the excavation [area] and putting it in barrels. The soil that we've excavated that's

contaminated we are setting aside. That will be cleaned and land-filled.

Riegel said this was a "high-priority" issue but the spill would not affect power generation, noting that they can still load up their tankers with fuel and truck it down to their power plant.

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sistance (ONA). HA provides help such as rental assistance, reimbursement for lodging, and repairs to the damaged home. ONA may provide help, on a case-by-case basis, for miscellaneous personal property needs such as uninsured damage to an essential vehicle, disaster-related moving and storage expenses, and certain medical and dental expenses.

SBA approvals include 70 loans to homeowners and rent-

ers totaling nearly \$2.3 million and 25 business loans for more than \$3.6 million.

Saipan survivors can still register for disaster assistance until Oct. 5. Registering with FEMA starts the process toward both FEMA and SBA help. Survivors can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-321-3362 (FEMA). Those with speech or hearing disability and use 711 or Video Relay Service can register through the regular 800 number, and those who use TTY can call 800-462-7585. (PR)

HOUSE

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Eloy S. Inos and department heads braced for a government shutdown with no budget resolution in sight.

The deadline for the Legislature to submit a budget for Inos' signature is on Sep. 30.

House and Senate conferees formally adopted a budget bill yesterday. And also adopted a committee report that detailed their compromise over some of the bill's most contested provisions.

When they first met nearly three weeks ago on Sep. 3, conferees had three primary issues: the use of "outside resources" or Inos-directed earmarks for the Marianas Visitors Authority; concerns from the Public School System over ripping away expenditure authority from the education commissioner and giving it to school principals; and salary increases for law enforcement and department heads.

In some form, these Senate provisions remained in the budget settled upon yesterday.

The Senate locked on MVA earmarks to fund program money shortfalls for money first appropriated to fund their provisions. They had moved the local hospital's utility subsidy, at first, but the House got this off the table.

The lawmakers agreed to modify MVA's budget to fund \$1,802,403 for Department of Public Work streetlights;



DENNIS B. CHAN

Budget conference chairs Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) look over budget documents during a break in yesterday's session.

\$200,000 for an x-ray machine at the airport; \$225,000 for a container and loose cargo x-ray machine at the seaport; \$75,000 for a handheld x-ray scanner at the seaport; and \$200,00 for the Mayor of Saipan for cleanup and beautification projects.

'Decentralized' spending

The Senate wanted to task the Public School System for re-

ports about unkempt campuses on Tinian and telling students to bring their own toilet tissues. They got that, in some form, too, in a bill that gives the expenditure authority to the education commissioner, but "provided that the expenditure authority for the operations of each public school" would be the school principal.

PSS has expressed its con-

cerns about this power over "operations," saying that this provision creates a new system that would "decentralize" spending and give it to principals.

"Does that mean that each school will now pay for their own utilities? Negotiate for a printer? Buy textbooks for their students that may differ from another sister school?" writes Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan in a joint letter to the House in late August.

As operational expenses are only budgeted a few million dollars, the education leaders said these expenses "must be fluid in order to deal with emergencies" and shortage of funds that occur system-wide at different schools.

"The bottom line is that money must be fluid because an emergency on Rota is not Rota's emergency; it is the CNMI Public School System's emergency," the education leaders wrote last month.

Salary increases

The conferees agreed to the following salary increases:

- \$62,000 for the special assistant for Office of Management and Budget from annual salary of \$54,000
- 5-percent increase for all law enforcement officers
- \$45,000 for Rota and Tinian department heads from a salary of \$36,000
- \$45,000 for Rota and Tinian deputy commissioners for Fire

FEMA

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can say that another typhoon won't pass by or whatever, but at least you have better opportunity to save your life and your family if you have something that holds your roof better," FEMA mitigation's Melva Guzman said.

She added that not every storm is the same and that the public should prepare for each one of them.

"If you're going to repair, let's do it the right way, in a better way, with the right information," Guzman said.

One of the information that Guzman shared is the use of hurricane straps and brackets to reinforce one's roof structure. She added that 90 percent of about 20 people she spoke with yesterday don't know about these materials.

"Many of the homes that have corrugated roof are being built just with nails. We have different brackets here that will show them how to properly attach the roof to the sides and we give them illustrations of what to do," Guzman said.

The metal straps and brackets are available on Saipan and don't cost much, according to Guzman.

For windows, not all can afford roll down or accordion

shutters but plywood with a certain thickness could be used as protection.

Guzman added that for accordion-type shutters, they should be closed completely during a typhoon.

"You grow up thinking you have to leave them a little open so the wind can come in, but that's not true. You have to keep them closed to keep the pressure out," Guzman said.

If you have trees in your yard, your house will be a lot safer if their height are not greater than their length from the house so that if one of them topples, it will not reach your home.

Guzman also said that it's important to clean the house of mold and mildew as this can cause sickness. A cup and a half of bleach to a gallon of water can be used to treat this problem, she said.

Aside from one-on-one session with experts, FEMA is also giving away booklets and pamphlets on how to rebuild.

FEMA staff of individual assistance will also be present in the sites to help those who cannot go to the Disaster Recovery Center in Susupe.

According to Danny Campbell of the Disaster Survivor Assistance, residents who haven't registered yet may register at these mitigation locations as well as follow up on the status of their applications.

NMC still waiting on FEMA assessment

Northern Marianas College is still waiting on the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assess the damage it incurred from Typhoon Soudelor, according to president Dr. Sharon Hart.

In a board meeting yesterday, Hart explained to board members that ultimately there are different scenarios as to how FEMA inspects the facility, noting that if a building is damaged over 50 percent, then FEMA would consider the building basically "destroyed."

"That is why we wait for FEMA to ultimately assess the final report building by building," she said.

According to NMC Administration and Resource Development dean David Attao, they are estimating between \$4.5 and \$6 million in damage from Typhoon Soudelor.

NMC met with FEMA last month, effectively beginning the 60-day time period where they can submit a request for public infrastructure assistance from the federal agency.

According to Hart, her report showed that they have started FEMA documentation.

On her monthly report, NMC so far has worked on debris removal after Typhoon Soudelor, worked on emergency preventive measures, procured all the needed equipment, materials, tools, and services in order to meet deadlines imposed upon NMC, worked on rebuilding the campus, worked on emergency

processes and procurement, among others.

Pressed for time, Hart said NMC took emergency actions and conducted hazardous/premium type of work to ensure NMC was a safe and healthier environment for students to return to school.

Fall 2015 semester starts next week Monday, Sept. 28.

NMC assessment

According to Attao, NMC suffered damage to buildings A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, and the Saipan Sports Complex (NMC Gym).

Buildings D, E, F, G, H, I, and J were severely damaged and rendered unusable. Damage needing repair/replacement includes:

- Repair and replace roof support, roof panels and roof insulation
- Replacement of interior and exterior ceiling systems
- Replacement of electrical system inclusive of lighting and fire protection systems
- Replacement of interior partition walls and insulation
- Replacement of floor system
- Replacement of all windows and doors inclusive of emergency preventive measures.

Buildings A, B, C, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, and W, meanwhile, sustained moderate damage and are currently undergoing emergency repairs pending funding availability. Repair work includes:

- Roof repairs
- Building exterior repairs
- Window replacement
- Repair interior ceiling and wall damage from water intrusion
- Electrical repairs including panel work and replacement of interior and exterior lighting fixtures/lamps
- Replacement of damaged air conditioning units
- Mold mitigation, etc.

For the NMC Gym, it sustained severe damage. No preliminary cost estimate available to date, according to Attao. Repair works include:

- Replacement of roof panels and insulation
- Repair/replace wall panels and insulation
- Repair/replace interior ceiling system
- Replacement of electrical system inclusive of lighting and fire protection systems
- Replacement of floor systems inclusive of rubber playing court floor
- Repair/replacement of court equipment (retractable backboards, score boards, PA system)
- Replacement of retractable bleachers

"We also like to thank the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation and the authors of the two bills, as well as Saipan SHEFA (Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance) for extending their services and helping the college, our students, faculty, staff, and communities we serve," Attao said. *(Jayson Camacho)*



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2 fires occur over the weekend

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REPORTER

A fire of unknown cause broke out at a container van at the seaport in Puerto Rico, while another blaze occurred at a chiller in a store in San Antonio. Both incidents happened over the weekend.

No one was reported injured or provided treatment for medical complaints at the scene, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services yesterday.

DFEMS spokesman Derek Gersonde told *Saipan Tribune* that both incidents resulted in minor damage.

Gersonde said they received a call on Saturday at 10:33pm about a container

that was on fire at the seaport in Puerto Rico.

Gersonde said DFEMS firefighters responded from Susupe Fire Station along with medics from the Garapan Fire Station. Arson investigators also arrived at the scene.

Gersonde said at 10:48pm, firefighters extinguished the blaze and placed it under control.

He said Arson Investigation Unit is still trying to determine the cause of the fire that caused minor damage to office supplies in the van, owned by Saipan Stevedore.

In the second fire, DFEMS

received a call from the Department of Public Safety Central on Sunday at 7:56am about a possible structure fire at the San Antonio Market.

» DFEMS issues stop order to San Antonio Market due to lack of fire permit

Gersonde said DFEMS firefighters from Susupe Fire Station responded, but at 7:59am, DPS called DFEMS back telling them that the fire was extinguished by the store's owners.

Arson investigators arrived at the store.

Arson Investigation Unit as of yesterday was still looking into the cause of the fire.

Gersonde said the San Antonio

Market was issued a stop order after investigators found out that it has no fire permit.

He said the fire caused minor damage to the bottom of the chiller.

At the time, the establishment was closed.

Meanwhile, DFEMS in partnership with the American Red Cross will be distributing free water donated by Anheuser-Busch to the public.

Households of one to three members will be given a case of water and households of four and above will be given two cases daily.

The water can be picked up at the following Fire Stations: Station 1-Susupe; Station 2-Garapan; Station 4-Koblerville; and Station 5-Kagman.

Psychiatrist appointed for man who punched doctor, CHC staff

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman yesterday appointed a psychiatrist to conduct an examination of Patrick Tudela Gibo, a 36-year-old man believed to be mentally ill, who was recently arrested for allegedly punching a mid-level provider and a physician at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Wiseman issued the appointment of Dr. Jeremy Richards in connection with Gibo's other pending criminal case that arose from an incident when he allegedly barged into a Bible study at Grace Christian Ministries in Kagman III and attacking a person.

The judge ordered Richards to file a written report about Gibo's mental condition with the clerk of court on or before Oct. 19, 2015.

After the doctor has filed his report, Wiseman said the court will schedule a competency hearing pursuant to statute if necessary.

Wiseman ordered Gibo's counsel, assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, to contact Dr. Richards and make the arrangement for his client to be interviewed.

Gibo is currently under the custody of the Department of Corrections because of his new case.

Wiseman ordered a psychiatric evaluation of Gibo after his counsel Meyer referred him as a mentally troubled person at a status conference last week.

The judge suspended all proceedings in the criminal prosecution.

Last January, Wiseman ordered Gibo's temporary release because the person qualified to perform his psychiatric evaluation could not be found.

In the Bible study incident, the Office of the Attorney General charged the defendant with criminal mischief, assault and battery, and four counts of disturbing the peace.

In the new case, Gibo allegedly punched a mid-level provider and a physician at the Commonwealth Health Center last Sept. 11.

Police learned that Gibo went to the emergency room and asked to be admitted to the psychiatric ward because he was hearing voices. He then punched mid-level provider Lorie Hutchison on the left chin and Dr. Todd A. Tritch on the right jaw at CHC's emergency room.

4th PH mobile consular mission starts today

The fourth Philippine mobile consular mission in the CNMI this year will begin today at Chalan Kanoa.

For Saipan, it will be until Sept. 25 at the Mt. Carmel Social Hall, while on Tinian it will be on Sept. 26 to 27 at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

According to honorary consul to the Philippines Glicerio Arago,

everything is prepared, including the arrival of the representative from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

"Mr. Rey Tayag is coming," Arago said.

Tayag, a former welfare officer to the now closed Philippine Consulate General Saipan, is the representative sent by Overseas Workers Welfare Administration administrator Rebecca Calzado.

As a result, Filipinos can avail and renew of their OWWA membership. OWWA is an agency of the Philippine government that protects and promotes the welfare of overseas Filipino workers and their dependents. Requirements for OWWA are the following: CW-1 copy, passport copy, and a \$25 fee.

The CNMI last had a visit from an OWWA representative November 2014 where more than 1,600 memberships were renewed.

As always for consular missions, those who want to renew their Philippine passports, register for overseas voting for the May 2016 Philippine elections, and avail of civil registry and notarial services will be accommodated.

Schedules for those who will have their biometrics captured as part of the pre-processed passport applications may be viewed at the Philippine Consulate General-Agana, Guam Facebook page. (*Frauline S. Villanueva*)

WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

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- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹**
- III. REPORTS**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Tinian Entertainment Company's Casino License Application
 - b. TCGCC Order re Revised Casino Operation Hours per HKE's request to suspend casino operations
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Licensing Matters
 1. Casino Key/Employee License Applications/Hotel Registrations
 - i. EXISTING PROVISIONAL EMPLOYEE LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS
 2. Casino Service Industry License Applications
 3. Casino License/Suitability Applications
 - b. Proposed Emergency Regulation re Casino Closure Procedures
 - c. Proposed Emergency Regulation re Interim Casino Authorization
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION²**
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

¹ Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

CUC power generation now at 43.4MW

More than seven weeks after Typhoon Soudelor wrought havoc on Saipan's power grid, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is now able to generate 43.4MW of electricity through a combination of Power Plant Four in Puerto Rico and Power Plant One in Lower Base.

As the restoration of Saipan's main production facility continues, CUC expects another 10MW to come online within the next two weeks.

On Monday, Sept. 21, Saipan's base load was 13.6MW at 3am. CUC's daytime peak was 19.5MW at 2pm and our evening peak reached 18.4MW at 8pm.

The utilities company continues the recovery and restoration of Saipan's power and water systems with the assistance of local, regional, and federal partners. Below you will find the latest information about Saipan's water and wastewater capabilities.

POWER

All of the primary lines on each of Saipan's eight feeders are projected to be online by the end of September and the majority of Saipan should be online by the end of October. As CUC's crews begin work on the lateral lines, customers closer to the primary lines will be among the first to receive power while restoration will take longer for customers further away from the primary lines and those with more damage.

PERSONNEL

CUC Saipan linemen are currently supported by their peers from Rota, Tinian, Rhode Island, Palau, Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Guam.

POWER PLANT FOUR

Power Plant Four is currently able to produce 8.4MW of electricity from Generators 2 (2.1MW), 3 (2.1MW), 5 (2.3MW), 7 (.95MW), and 9 (.95MW). The plant is currently standing in reserve.

POWER PLANT ONE

Power Plant One currently produces all electricity for Saipan with the capability to generate 35MW. Saipan's current base load (the demand from customers connected to our network) is at 12.3MW in the early morning hours and a peak load of 17.2MW in the afternoon.

Generator 6 recently came online, which provided an additional 10MW of electricity. The rest of the power is provided by Generators 1 (5.5MW), 2 (4.0MW), and 3 (5.5MW), and 5 (10MW). Restoration of the consoles and generators continues which will lead to additional generation capability in the near future. Generator 7 (10MW) is being dried and a test run is scheduled for next week.

DISTRIBUTION

CUC and its partners have erected a power poles and strung lines on each of Saipan's eight feeders. As a result, CUC remains on

target to meet its goal of energizing each of the primary lines by the end of September.

TRANSFORMER RECOVERY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken the responsibility of recovering and disposing CUC's damaged transformers. As of 2pm on Sept. 21, 2015, the CUC/EPA Transformer Team collected a total of 627 downed transformers.

WATER

CUC has accomplished its immediate goal to bring limited water service to all of the villages across Saipan. As CUC's ability to provide power to the island increases, its ability to energize wells will increase water production.

LIMITED WATER SERVICE

Until CUC is able to energize each of Saipan's 150 wells, its Water Division is working to deliver island-wide water service, albeit in a limited capacity, using a network of generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

CUC provides Limited Water Service (LWS) to every village in Saipan based on the following schedule, which is subject to change based on the levels in the tanks:

- San Antonio: 8am-1pm daily
- Chalan Piao: 8am-1pm daily
- Chalan Kanoa: Odd days: 6pm-

8am Even days: 1-6pm

■ Susupe: Odd days: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am

■ Oleai: Odd days: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am

■ San Jose: 1-6pm Even days: 6pm-8am

■ Chalan Kiya: 24 hours (lower elevations only)

■ Navy Hill (Upper): 24 hours daily

■ Navy Hill (Lower): 8am-11am daily

■ Chinatown: 11am-1pm daily

■ Chalan Galaide: 1pm-3pm daily

■ As Rabagau: 24 hours daily

■ As Teo: 24 hours daily

■ As Matuis (Lower): 8am-6pm daily

■ As Matuis (Upper): 24 hours daily

■ San Roque: 8am-6pm daily

■ Gualo Rai: 8am-5pm daily

■ San Vicente 1: 1pm-5pm daily

■ San Vicente 2: 9am-1pm

■ Lower Base: 9am-4pm

■ Tanapag: 8am-6pm daily

■ Sadog Tasi: 24 hours daily

■ Tottoville: 24 hours daily

■ Koblerville: 24 hours daily

■ Afetna: 24 hours daily

■ As Gonno: 24 hours daily

■ Kagman IV: 9am - 11am daily

Kagman I: 10am - 12pm daily

■ Kagman II: 10am - 12pm daily

Kagman III Phase I: 10am - 12pm daily

Kagman III Phase II: 12pm - 2pm daily

Kagman III Phase III: 2pm - 4pm daily

■ As Lito: 10am-1pm daily

■ Dandan Homestead: 24 hours daily

■ Dandan Homestead: 24 hours daily

■ Obyan: 24 hours daily

■ Airport Road: 9am-6:30pm daily

■ Finasisu: 8am-6:30pm daily

■ Capital Hill is broken up into three sections:

■ CH 1: 24 hours daily (East Isa Dr. from Sarah Market to Kagman Mobil Gas Station (including Atbut Dr., Egigi Dr., Ifet Dr., Chungel Pl., Fakpe PL., and Fahang Dr.).

■ CH 2: 24 hours daily 1200 Block

■ CH 3: 1pm-4pm 1300 block, Wireless Ridge, West Isa Dr. to Haat PL., and Chalan Talafofo).

■ CH 4: 24 hours daily (Papago Dr., Sosugi Dr., Isa Dr. from Ahgaga Dr. to Mulberry Ln.).

■ Tapochau: 3pm-6pm daily

■ Kanat Tabla is broken into four sections:

■ KT1: 8am-1pm (Kanat Tabla) Odd Days

■ KT2: 8am-1pm (Middle Rd &

Beach Rd, Gualo Rai St to Quartermaster Rd) Odd Days

■ KT3: 12pm-6pm (Middle Rd & Beach Rd, Chalan Monsignor Guerrero to Quartermaster Rd) Even Days

■ KT4: 12pm-6pm (Kanat Tabla) Even Days

■ Papago: 9am-5pm daily

■ Laolao Bay Drive: 9am-1pm daily

■ San Vicente 1: 1pm-5pm (Stanford area)

■ San Vicente 2: 9am-1pm

■ Garapan is broken into three sections:

■ G1: 8am-11am (South Garapan - Dama Di Noche St to Gualo Rai St)

■ G2: 11am-2pm (Garapan Orchid St to Dame Di Noche St)

■ G3: 2pm-5pm (Garapan - Micro Beach Rd to Orchid St)

■ Gualo Rai: 8am-5pm daily

It is important to note that all

times are subject to change based

on the volume of water coming

into the tank.

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The utility provides electric power,

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Soroptimist International donates school supplies

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REPORTER

School supplies were donated to the children seeking shelter at Karidat's Guma Esperansa by Soroptimist International of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Notebooks, pens, bags, as well as gift certificates for shoes among others were handed to the group by SI-NMI president Jill Arenovski.

"This is a fabulous donation and we'll make the kids happy," Karidat executive director Lauri

Ogumoro said.

"It's special because every school year we want to have something new right? It's nice for the kids. And the shoe gift certificates, those are big hits because we can give it to the moms and the moms take their kids and it's really like from the moms so it's really special," she added.

According to Arenovski, the donation was made possible through the \$500 fund given to them by Soroptimist International of the Marianas—which

is the sponsor club of SI-NMI

SIM president Wayne Santos was also present during the turnover.

"When the typhoon happened, I called Jill and said 'how can we assist?'" Santos said, "Definitely we were helping needy children. That's our most important concern."

Santos also handed over to SI-NMI another \$500 check donated by another group, Soroptimist International Guam.

"The club will vote on how to appropriate that money whether

it goes to the shelter or some other cause, but 80 percent of the funds that SI-NMI receives goes directly to the programs," Arenovski said.

Arenovski also announced the opening of their signature project, Live Your Dream award, which gives \$1,000 to a woman attend-

ing college who is the primary financial support for her family.

Applicants must submit their applications along with two reference forms to soroptimist-nmi@gmail.com before Sept. 30.

The fund awarded to the recipient may use it for any purpose she chooses.

"She can use it for child care so she can attend class and study, or to purchase transportation to class, or to buy food for her family. It's her choice," Arenovski said.

The award celebration will be held on Oct. 17 at Kanoa Resort's Seaside Hall.



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Soroptimist International-Northern Mariana Islands through the Soroptimist International Marianas donated school supplies to Karidat's Guma Esperansa. Another group, Soroptimist International Guam also donated a \$500 check to SI-NMI.

High surf advisory issued for CNMI

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management office has issued a high surf advisory for the CNMI and it will be in effect until 6pm Friday, Sept. 25.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, the waters around the Commonwealth will generate

swells large enough to produce high surf and create conditions hazardous to small craft for at least the next several days.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos is therefore advising the general public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those facing north and east as rip currents will be life threatening.

HSEM said waves will be

hazardous for operators of small craft. The public is also advised to avoid shoaling areas where long period swell can sharpen into large breaking waves. HSEM also reminded boaters that breaking waves can easily capsize even larger vessels.

HSEM said the CNMI should expect hazardous surf between 9 and 11 feet today, Wednesday. Aside from high surf advisory, a small craft advisory remains in effect until 6pm on Friday. (PR)

GCA THANKS PSG

Grace Christian Academy principal Beth Nunez and the staff and faculty of the academy wish to convey their appreciation to PSG Professional Corp. owner Jess Pantaleon and the team at PSG for their continued support over the years. Thank you for the honor of partnering with you!

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Taiwan escorts 'pirate' fishing boat home after Greenpeace bust

A Taiwanese fishing boat is being escorted back to Taiwan after being busted for illegal fishing in the Pacific Ocean.

Greenpeace activists prepare to board illegal fishing vessel *Shuen De Ching No 888*. The Rainbow Warrior travels in the Pacific to expose out of control tuna fisheries. Tuna fishing has been linked to shark finning, overfishing and human rights abuses.

Photo: Paul Hilton / Greenpeace

Greenpeace activists say they discovered a falsified logbook and almost 100 kilos of shark fins when they boarded the ves-

sel on the high seas in the north west Pacific earlier this month.

Shark fins found in the freezer of the *Shuen De Ching No.888*. In total there were sacks containing 75 kilograms of shark fins from at least 42 sharks. Under Taiwanese law and Pacific fishing rules, shark fins may not exceed 5 percent of the weight of the shark catch.

The environmental group's Lagi Toribau says the Taiwan Fisheries Agency is now escorting the *Shuen De Ching No 888* back to Taiwan where the ship faces suspension from operations for up to a year.

"We knew that their patrol boat was already in the Pacific Ocean. It was already somewhere close to where we were. It was just a matter of getting the political decision and the will of the Taiwanese government to instruct their patrol boat to come and inspect this vessel so we're quite happy with how things turned out but it could have been a little bit quicker."

Lagi Toribau says Greenpeace is calling for the vessel to be officially listed as a pirate vessel, banned from operating and its owners sanctioned. (Radio New Zealand)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

September 23, 2004

Unused housing units in Garapan rotting

About 20 government-built housing units in Garapan have remained unoccupied for years after a planned commercial development in the area flopped.

The vacant units, located at the back of Garapan Elementary School, are now mostly damaged and need immediate repair. The area, called Annex 2, has a total of 45 housing units. Of these, 10 units are being used by the Public School System for Head Start, Youth Learning Center, and other programs. A unit is being used by the CNMI Boy Scout, two are reserved for other government agencies, and five units are occupied by families under the agency's voucher program. NMHC currently maintains 132 housing units in the CNMI, including the 45 units in MIHA village, 24 in Koblerville, 20 on Tinian, and 30 on Rota.

Credit relief bill likely to be vetoed

Acting Gov. Diego T. Benavente indicated he is inclined to veto the controversial credit relief bill on grounds of unconstitutionality and severe financial impact that the measure could bring to the Commonwealth Development Authority. Benavente said, however, that that he would confer first with Gov. Juan N. Babauta, who is attending the 2004 Business Opportunities Conference in Los Angeles, before finally acting on Senate Bill 14-48 possibly

today or tomorrow.

Babauta's legal counsel, Steven Newman, also questioned the constitutionality of the bill. The bill wants to declare the loan as fully paid upon foreclosure of the collateral and the expiration of the redemption period to recover the property. It seeks to prevent the CDA from collecting on delinquent loans beyond the amount of the collateral property. "There shall be no deficiency judgments entered." The bill also seeks to reduce the annual interest rate on all outstanding loans to between 4-9 percent.

September 23, 2005

Campaign to rid island of dreaded bud rot begins

Agricultural experts have begun injecting chemicals into Saipan's betel nut trees to prevent further spread of the bud rot disease, which has killed some 3,000 trees on the island. Isidoro Cabrera, agricultural consultant to the Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service, said the move began on Thursday last week. According to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, the fungus is a plant pathogen that kills betel nut trees within a few weeks after infection. It said the bud rot disease is quite easily spread by spores being blown in the wind, by use of a contaminated knife while cutting nuts from the tree, or by simply carrying the disease on the nuts taken from an infected tree.

CUC to transfer Power Plant 3 to Lower Base

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will transfer its Power Plant 3 generators, currently located near the Saipan Airport in Dandan, to Lower Base, according to CUC executive director Lorraine A. Babauta. Power Plant 3 consists of three generators that are not functioning. Babauta said she deemed it more practical to just bring those generators near the main power plant in Lower Base.

The three engines will be rehabilitated using parts from Tinian generators.

Power Plant 3 has a capacity of 4.5MW. The CUC earlier planned to make Power Plant 3 a backup power plant to ensure uninterrupted water and sewer services in case of emergencies. Babauta said this matter is still addressed even with the transfer of Power Plant 3 to Lower Base.

September 23, 2008

Commerce eyes adjusting federal aid formula

The CNMI Department of Commerce and local food stamp program officials are eyeing efforts to work with federal agencies on adjusting the economic formula that serves as the basis for allotments of federal aid on Rota and Tinian in a bid to account for higher commodity prices on the islands, a move that could bring recipients there more government benefits. Senate lawmakers in a session on Rota last week said high retail prices on Rota and Tinian have diminished the buying power that federal assistance like food stamps can provide for the islands' inhabitants and urged government offices to.

CHC rehires in-patient pharmacist

The Commonwealth Health Center has rehired pharmacist Anthony Raho, who headed the in-patient pharmacy for 12 years. The re-hiring should allow the in-house CHC pharmacy to open during the next few weekends, said Alex Gorman, lawyer for CHC and the Department of Public Health. The pharmacy has been closed on the weekends due to a lack of staff. With the rehiring, it should be able to open on the weekends until Oct. 8, when the other pharmacist leaves, Gorman added. The pharmacy provides all the medicine to the hospital. PHI, a private pharmacy, is also located in the hospital

Rotary district governor visits Saipan club



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Rotary International District 2750 governor Isao Mizuno, vice secretary Kuniyoshi Hirai, and district assistant secretary Wayne Santos visit and meet with members of the Rotary Club of Saipan on Monday.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

IT&E services on Rota fully restored

IT&E services on Rota are now fully restored as of 6:58am yesterday, Sept. 22.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 at around 2pm, lightning struck the island causing a power outage. As a result, landline, Internet, and cell-phone services on Rota were affected. IT&E personnel were immediately deployed to the site to assess the situation.

IT&E thanks the people of Rota who have been patient and understanding during the restoration process. **(IT&E)**

Managaha Dock red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged Managaha Dock and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from Managaha Dock contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

SLLBI 2016 board elections on Oct. 10

Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will hold its general membership meeting for the election of 2016 board members on Oct. 10, 9am at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium pavilion.

All managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Should you have any question, call Annie Flores at 285-1219 or Piding Tenorio at 285-1024. **(PR)**

'Family Respite: Worthwhile Giving' workshop

The Commonwealth Respite

Service Program, under the Ayuda Network, Inc. is inviting family caregivers, private clinics, service providers and all interested individuals for a one-day workshop on "Family Respite: Worthwhile Giving" on Oct. 2, 2015, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa from 7:30am to 4pm.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information for respite services from private and government agencies and availability of services for families with children and adults with developmental disabilities, primary caregivers of aging parents/ relatives, and medically fragile individuals.

To register for the workshop, call Ayuda Network, Inc. at 322-7469 from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Registration deadline for this workshop is Sept. 30, 2015, at 3:30pm. For special accommodations, call 322-7469 by Sept. 25, 2015. **(PR)**

CNMI Judiciary operations schedule

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, through Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015, will be 8am to 5pm.

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, will be 8am until noon.

On Rota and Tinian, business hours will be 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, through Friday, Sept. 25, 2015.

Changes to this schedule, and the Judiciary's schedule for the week beginning Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media. **(NMI Judiciary)**

Notice to enrollees under Aetna health insurance

If you are enrolled in Aetna health insurance and have not yet received your card, please contact Annie at 664-1140 or Gayla at 664-1100 or stop by the DOF Office of the Secretary to pick up your card. **(PR)**

By **FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA**
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A district governor of the Rotary International visited the Rotary Club of Saipan to reiterate their international club's theme for 2015-2016, which is "Be a Gift to the World."

Governor Isao Mizuno of the Rotary International District 2750 arrived on Saipan and met with Rotary officers and members Monday. Mizuno is

from the Rotary Club of Tokyo Tobihino.

In his talk with the Rotary members at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Mizuno also invited the members to go to their international convention in Seoul.

District vice secretary Kuniyoshi Hirai of the Rotary Club of Tokyo Setagata South and district assistant secretary Wayne Santos, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Northern Guam also visited Saipan.

The visit was initially scheduled last August but got pushed back due to Typhoon Soudelor.

"The governor assigned to this district comes out, he personally meets every single club to find out about the projects and makes sure that we adhere to the bylaws," Rotary Club of Saipan president Curtis Dancoe said.

In their board of directors meeting, Dancoe said they got approval for their upcoming projects on the island.

"I presented to him today (Monday) the long-term recovery," Dancoe said. "He approved the distribution of school supplies to our middle school and high school."

Dancoe added that the District 2750 raised ¥3M or about \$25,000 that will be used for recovery efforts on Saipan.

Another project that they discussed is a student exchange program that will be done in the winter.

CNMI community of Boise donates to Salvation Army, Karidat

The CNMI community of Boise, Idaho raised \$1,600 to assist the people of Saipan who have been affected by Typhoon Soudelor. On behalf of the people of Boise, Mary Tenorio presented The Salvation Army and Karidat with a check of \$800 each.

"We would like to extend our appreciation to The Salvation Army, Karidat, and all other agencies and people involved for their continuous efforts to ensure that those affected by Typhoon Soudelor are being assisted throughout these difficult times," she said.

The group held a "Boise for CNMI Happy Hour Relief Fundraiser" last Aug. 28. Many of them expressed concern for their families and friends who have lost their homes due to the typhoon. The CNMI community in Boise got together one weekend and facilitated a happy hour fundraiser effort. Tickets were sold at \$10 each with island-style food and entertainment by Tiare Dance Group. Cathy Salas was one of the many who helped arrange the event.

"Many different agencies and people volunteer their time and



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Mary Tenorio, representing the CNMI Community of Boise, Idaho, hands a \$800 check to Karidat executive director Lauri Ogurmoro.

money to help those who have been displaced or without food and/or clothing. The CNMI

community of Boise hopes that their monetary donation to both The Salvation Army and Kari-

dat will allow these agencies to further assist those who are in need," added Tenorio. **(PR)**

Military to conduct training at FDM, WA 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla Sept. 24 from 10am to 11:55pm.

Training will also be conducted at Warning Area 517 Sept. 25 from 10am to 10pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times

indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and

sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and

Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. **(PR)**

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The pope is a holy man, but not a god

By LAUVE STEENHUISEN
Newsday

Welcome, Francis, to the United States, a democracy with a sizable Protestant community, but a country nonetheless in your thrall.

Let's deconstruct this thralldom, to ensure that the real virtues of Francis' papacy are not subverted to the superficiality of his celebrity. Because let's be clear, what I will call Francis' "integrity offensive" is authentic and radical and needs our full attention.

When the Argentine Jorge Mario Bergoglio became pope, the Roman Catholic Church was under assault. The pedophilia crisis, Vatican bank corruption, and charges of sexually promiscuous cardinals were wracking the church and eroding the trust of its membership and its moral voice.

From the moment he ascended to the throne of St. Peter, Pope Francis has impressed with his spirituality.

His work in the past few years has been two-pronged. First, he has sought to rebuild the world's trust in a broken religious office by emphasizing mercy. He has washed the feet of prisoners, prostitutes and Muslims during Holy Thursday services (a celibate male intimately touching the feet of "dirty" women has huge redemptive power); visited prisoners; urged parish priests to be kind to gay and divorced people; and rejected the plush Vatican apartments and Pope Benedict XVI's custom-made shoes.

Second, he has punished priests and bishops who've been charged with pedophilia, fired Vatican bank officers accused of money laundering, and ended annual bonus payments to cardinals on the Vatican bank board. He also abolished bonuses paid to Vatican employees upon the election of a pope and donated the money to charity.

Using his accrued integrity and his charm, Francis has undertaken a political initiative that includes an encyclical on climate change, a cry against consumption, and a successful offensive to restore diplomatic relations between the United States and Catholic Cuba.

But it is dangerous to give even such a noble religious leader political power because it may then be used in ways that do not represent the values of our democracy. For example, Francis maintains the traditional views of the church against homosexuality, abortion and the legally indefensible nonordination of women.

Pope Francis is due to address Congress on Thursday. Why? It's unfortunate that Congress has accepted the canard that he is a "head of state" of the postage stamp-sized vestigial country. Bestowing political status on him through an address to Congress is troublesome. According to Pew Research Center, 46.5 percent of Americans are Protestant, so where's the congressional invitation for a speech from the head of the Presbyterian denomination, or the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church?

Investing too much political power in any denomination's leadership is wrong.

Heroes are rare and precious, so adding a pinch of reality to the adulation of Francis is difficult. But in addition to respecting and honoring him, perhaps we should realize that Francis is not "God walking on Earth," as a Catholic once described him to me. He is a holy man, a man of seeming integrity and spiritual depth, and we should not respond with adulation, but admiration. And if we are believers, with emulation.

Lauve Steenhuisen, a liberal Lutheran, is professor of theology and politics at Georgetown University. She wrote this for Newsday.



Pinaylandia

In our Pinoy patriarchy, like the way English uses "men" to include women, we fail to note that women are sweeping men off office floors. Cities find women bus drivers to be more safety-conscious than men, maybe because the *machisma* is not easily offended when overtaken on the road.

The current brouhaha over the ordination of women priests in the Orthodox, Catholic, and Anglican traditions suggest that we offer Virginia Slims to recalcitrant clerics who refuse to acknowledge that "You've come a long way, baby!" The RC Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1975 found it necessary to state: "...in fidelity to the example of the Lord, does not consider herself authorized to admit women to priestly ordination." A U.S. Marine Corps commandant wants to exclude women from combat duties!

Sri Lanka Buddhists ordain female monks, no longer necessarily subservient to male monks in monasteries. Thai nuns are blessed as *bhikkhunis* (ordained female priests) in Sri Lanka to the great consternation of Bangkok monks. Thai Buddhism gets public funds and civil society welcomes female equity. Like many Rock-of-Peter counterparts, the clerical office prefers to be a province of the male.

Pinays asked for equal time after we reflected on *Pinoylandia*. *Pinays* remind us that Pacific Islanders are fundamentally matriarchal, so we huff to comply. Growing up, my mother took care of the purse and the food, and the practical relations to vendors and other service providers; Papa attended to income and official relations. It worked well. It was a division of power where the men get the credit but the women hold the power.

A *Refaluwasch* friend often jokingly reduces the Pacific formula to women responsible for the bed, board, and babies; the men tend to boats and navigation. That explains how matrilineal inheritance on real estate developed in the Carolines as maledom was at the mercy of marine maelstroms.

If one watches how Filipino organizations operate on Saipan and elsewhere, frontlines always get the credit but guess who does most of the work? Why is it that a woman invariably occupies the organization's secretary position? The glitter is seldom there, but the workload is heaviest!

We are not into strict gender divisions. I did not mind being my elementary classmates' fussed-over dressed-up doll model until the 6th grade when my effeminate features got chiseled into Apollo. Self-centeredness claimed space before we gained self-esteem.

See what I mean? I am talking of *Pinays* and I keep intruding into the picture. Which is probably what should be recognized. Sino-sphere ancients long ago recognized that male and female are the *yin-yang* to reality, and reducing one part is at the expense of the other. Balance is the key, not separation. The French learned it well

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in Indochina: *Vive la difference!*

Pinoylandia meant to include all genders relies on the masculine expression of the word. We leveled the playing field when we reduced the third person singular pronouns to "ze". Mandarin aka *Putunghua* (Beijing-PRC), or *Guoyou* (Taipei-ROC) does not differentiate gender in pronouns.

BTW, the Filipino language might be predominantly Indo-Malay but many words are influenced by eastern *Yue* (Cantonese), *Kejia* (spoken by Fujian Han, aka *Hakka* that gave us Sun Yat-Sen and the Soong sisters), and the *Min* (a variation of *Hanyu*, the language of the Han people), the last being the language of *Chinoy* in *Pinas*!

Much of *Pinayhood* is couched in the gallantry of 19th century Europe. The Filipina is lifted to a pedestal, to be admired or taken advantage of, never seriously considered for who she really is. She is made in the image of *Pinoy* but the liberated *Pinay* manipulates events from the back and lets the male takes credit upfront. It never fazes her to get what she desires by orchestrating events from a distance, except for the rare Harvard-educated *machisma* who thinks out-male-ing the male get them points.

We had Cory Aquino of the Yellow Brigade after McCoy's manipulation of the polls, and diminutive Gloria Arroyo, easily male daughter of Diosdado Macapagal, continued the tradition of manipulation vs. Fernando Poe Jr., and now an FPJ-Susan Roces' adopted daughter Grace Poe, a Pea Eye senator, rumored to be an illegitimate child of Ferdinand McCoy ("rumor" is the Filipino Achilles heel; we *bulong*, a wit says, is poised to make Malacañang indigenous to *Pinaylandia*. Patriarchy was a Spanish imposition. It used to be an American prejudicial preference as well except the next U.S. President is going to be female, and at the moment, it is Hillary vs Fiorina!

The equality of females in society generally remains questionable as pay still favors males and female CEOs are notably in short supply, hitting a glass ceiling in the ascent. In the outback of Australia, after a farmer's dog is fed, the wife has her meal!

So Grace Poe is poised to lead *Pinaylandia* out of the *bahay-kubo* into a traditional place in Pacific matriarchy! What say *mo*, 'day?

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Milking the wrong cow!

A Marianas-wide casino industry is prohibited by the NMI Constitution. However, each senatorial district is allowed, via legislative or popular initiative, to vote for or against it.

Strangely, regardless of the expressed views of the people, the Legislature, via a simple up or down vote, could change it all instantly.

Rota and Tinian have voted for casino and reined it in successfully. Sad, though, that neither one is working; one never started the other slowly puts on shutters.

Saipan shot it down twice but it is now law! Wasn't the voice of the people violated in this case? I mean it only took a simple up or down vote in the Legislature to change what the people of Saipan have shot down twice! Is the true expression of the people invalid? This definitely needs fixing, big time!

It goes to illustrate that the evil geniuses of such law have no respect whatsoever for the will of "we the people" who said "no" twice. Isn't the popular initiative the loudest and surest expression of governance on Saipan, saying "no mas" to casino? That expression came directly from the people as a matter of public policy, isn't it?

Whatever happened to "responsible and respectful leadership"?

This is what happened to the approval of the Saipan casino law. We said, via an initiative, "no" twice! The Legislature tiptoed and changed it in less than a day.

Did legislators know it was the sentiment of Saipan voters they changed when they voted to approve the Saipan casino last year? So what good then is the "popular initiative if it's subject to whimsical change by a simple legislative procedure"? Where's the inherent value of the initiative?

Isn't it logical that change, in this case, could only come from the people? So where did legislators fail to read and understand the logic in the argument in favor of "we the people"?

Why would legislators from Tinian and Rota meddle in the decision of Saipan voters who twice said "no" to casino in a plebiscite? What business do you have changing the sentiment of the people of Saipan on such substantive issue solely theirs to dispose of? Talk

about arrogance of the highest order! Did we ever interfere in your decision to approve casino at home where both have failed? Why would the tail wag the dog?

But then the two senatorial districts have had chronic problems milking Saipan taxpayers of whatever it could inflict for as long as it meets its special interest. Nah! This has gone on for far too long. Let's bring it home, people!

It's good to point out, though, that Tinian's casino is likely to shut down by month's end per recent press reports while Rota's casino touted as "internationally lucrative" never got off the ground! Lucrative? If so, how come it's stillborn and dead in its track?

Please approve legislation and call it 80/20 revenue sharing where you pay 80 cents per every dollar you make in taxes into the NMI coffers while keeping the balance. All senatorial districts must pay the same. It ensures mindfulness how taxpayers' tax contributions are spent responsibly! This ought to end the cavalier sucking of more blood from our empty arteries, *sayu*?

Rota's casino just never came into existence and perhaps the leadership has an explanation other than "sorry *lai*." Tinian's casino is going down the tubes at the end of this month. Need we follow failure to learn what it is to fail? One never came to fruition; the other going out of existence?

Evil geniuses that served as the architect of this failed tax venture please step forward and explain where your shortsighted vision would take us! What are your chances of fixing up your own self-concocted mess? Eh, fair is fair, *di ba*?

Are the likes of senators Jude Hofschneider, Francisco Cruz, and Francisco Borja anywhere nearby and could they explain the wisdom of their half-cocked tax scheme and where did it benefit Saipan taxpayers? Nothing can be further from the truth! Aren't we supposed to be drawing lessons from these experiences?

New circus in town!

Senators brave displaying humiliating misperception on the FY 2016 budget with suspect professorial dissertations. And they are not even Ph.D. candidates anywhere in academia. Thus the persis-

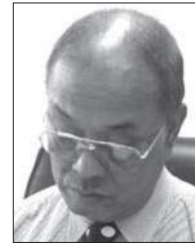
acteristics. For example, Utah's hate-crime law does not enumerate any category of victim.

Hate crimes send messages of terror, exclusion and lawlessness. They raise tensions that can divide and polarize communities. They send countervailing messages of acceptance, inclusion and consequences for the hate-filled acts.

For these reasons, ADL, along with a diverse group of civil-rights organizations, is launching 50 States Against Hate. This campaign will ensure that everyone in America will benefit from the legal protections of hate-crime laws and realize freedom from the fear of hate-inspired violence. This campaign will also seek to enhance training for law enforcement on hate-crime identification, response and reporting. In addition, it will strive to improve data collection

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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tent delusional viewpoint as though etched in stone.

In fact, if the suspect professors of budgeting had any sense at all then the focus of the debate would have been to do away with earmarking so that authority, constitutionally the sole preserve of the House of Representatives, is returned forthwith. Did you say that or did I? Eh, even we for da kine for confuse braddah! Or is it only the leysleche?

The persistent shallowness demonstrates clearly how a certain concept could easily be misconstrued and mangled to mean anything under the sun. Add the sorry state of affairs in the reading comprehension of so-called policymakers and there you find yourself quizzing if this is the latest revision of the "new" circus in town!

Future of civil servants?

Often this apolitical bunch gets to stare down the longest road on the islands in terms of their future wellbeing. That nobody champions their cause or listen to their concerns makes their individual and collective future even more suspect.

Nearly half the contracts in government are for political hires or 1,100 of them. Out the window goes the civil service system. But isn't the system the more organized method in the implementation of a real merit system? Why ignore now? Furthermore, it is through the system that we get employees into some meaningful skills training, true?

It should be public information how many were hired since the days of impeached and convicted, oh sorry—also, commuted guy Benigno Fitial. Let's get this information out forthwith!

Standing up to hate crimes

By NANCY K. BARON-BAER
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

The anniversary of a low point in American Jewish history and a devastating hate crime was marked recently. One hundred years ago, Leo Frank, a manager at the National Pencil Co. in Atlanta, was wrongly convicted of murder in a trial steeped in overt anti-Semitism. He was then kidnapped from prison, driven seven hours across Georgia and lynched in a public park. The gang of bigoted murderers included a former governor and other community leaders. Some stood proudly for pictures with Frank's corpse as it hung from a tree.

After the lynching, half of Atlanta's Jewish community, the largest in the South, fled the state. Many of those who remained hid aspects of their Jewish observance.

The unrepentant anti-Semitism on open display during Frank's trial and in the aftermath was commonplace in early 20th-century America. This unchecked hostility helped establish the Anti-Defamation League, or ADL, as a premier voice against anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry and hatred.

Certainly anti-Semitic attitudes persist, and shocking incidents, like the deadly assault on a Jewish Community Center in Kansas, still occur. According to the FBI, Jews are targeted in hate crimes more often than all other religious groups combined. However, these views and events are widely condemned and, where appropriate, prosecuted.

A hundred years after Frank's murder, we must appreciate our progress. While serious threats to the Jewish community endure, the notion that public officials would abide—let alone commit—such murderous anti-Semitic behavior is unfathomable in 21st-century America.

But the anniversary of Frank's murder reminds us of the tremendous impact that hate crimes have on a community—one need look no further than South Carolina and the horrific murders of nine African-Americans during a bible study.

For more than three decades, ADL has spearheaded the drafting, enactment and implementation of hate-crimes laws, working in partnership with other civil rights and religious organizations, law enforcement, civic agencies, and business leaders. Our federal government and 45 states and the District of Columbia have their own hate-crimes laws.

Today, one hate crime is committed in America every 90 minutes. Yet five states have no hate-crime laws on their books. A number of states do not consider crimes based on sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and disability a hate crime. Many other states have statutes that fail to protect victims based on various personal char-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Safeguarding public lands for future generations

This is in response to Mayor Apatang's comments on HB 19-79 as published on Sept. 22, 2015, in the *Marianas Variety* titled "Saipan mayor opposes bill to limit DPL authority."

The intent of HB 19-79 is to limit DPL's authority in leasing public lands from 5 hectares to 1 hectare and from 25 years to 5 years. Any more will require legislative approval. At present, DPL is allowed to lease up to 5 hectares or 50,000 sq. meters of land to outside investors. HB 19-79 aims to limit the amount of land being leased to no more than 1 hectare or 10,000 sq. meters.

The mayor claims that the bill "strikes at the heart of the homestead program." However, I beg to differ. HB 19-79 will protect the homestead program and ensure that vital, prime lots are available to future generations of the CNMI. The reason that the homestead program was put on hold was to reassess the amount of available public lands, primarily on Saipan. There are over 3,000 homestead applications currently on a waiting list. In my opinion, DPL has been careless with the leasing of public lands. On one hand, they say there is not enough land for homestead, yet they continue to lease large quantities of public lands to outside investors. HB 19-79 came about after DPL leased 10 hectares of public land in Marpi to a foreign investor. How did they do this when they are only allowed to lease up to 5 hectares with the current law? They split the land in two. The same investor leased two separate properties, both at 49,999 sq. meters, just enough to make it legal. In another case, over 150 hectares was

leased on Tinian for under \$3 per sq. meter. Not only does DPL find loopholes like this, MPLT also does not receive the full faith amount of proceeds from these leases as required by the Constitution. Now I ask myself this question: Is this the kind of practice that Mayor Apatang favors?

The mayor also claims that this bill "sends a message that past violations will be condoned." On the contrary, that is exactly what HB 19-79 is trying to correct. The mayor's opposition to this bill clearly shows that he is encouraging the current practice of violation by DPL. I, instead, am trying to find a solution to this malpractice. The mayor also claims that with this bill, "the Legislature may get too involved in the development of a land lease contract." In other words, he thinks that the Legislature will micro-manage DPL. It is not the intent of the Legislature to micro-manage anyone; in fact it is impossible to micromanage with 29 members in the CNMI Legislature. HB 19-79 will create a check and balance system for these leases and will ensure that they are of fair market value.


HB 19-79 has been reviewed and approved by the House legal counsel, assuring its legality. I applaud the mayor for bringing up his concerns. However, I would like to assure him and the people of the CNMI that the main intention of this bill is to protect the amount of public lands and safeguard it for our future generations.

Rep. Roman C. Benavente
19th Legislature, Capital Hill

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

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THURSDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

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FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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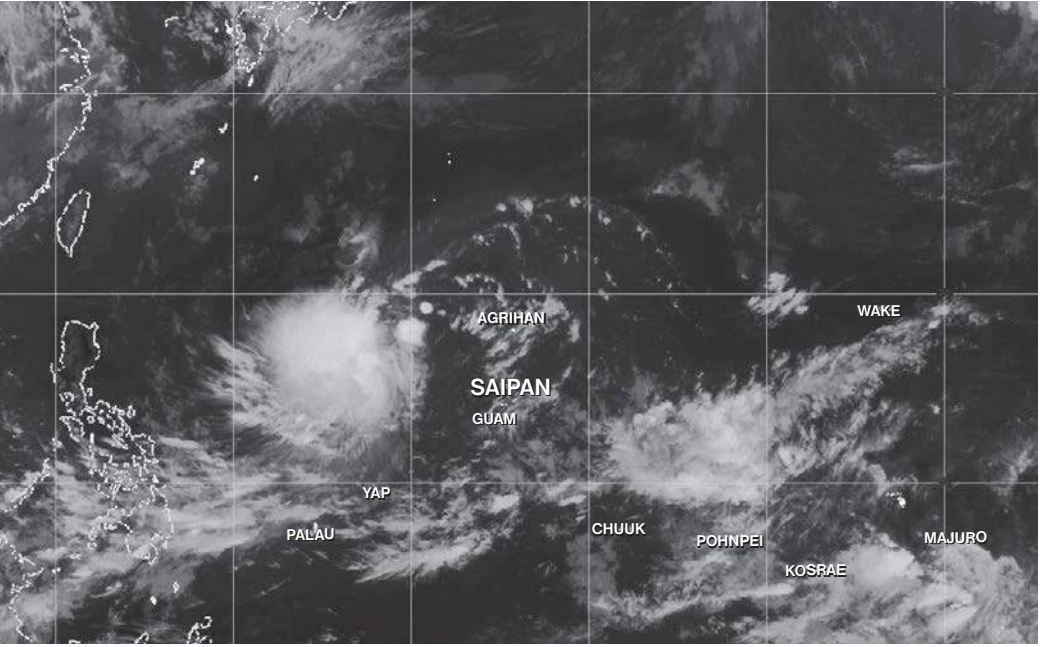
SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical depression 21W is centered west of Saipan near 17N140E. Scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are present west of the Marianas between 13N and 19N from 135E to 141E. For more information on tropical depression 21W, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough heads east from 14N130E to tropical depression 21W at 17N140E, then curves east-southeast through a weak circulation at 10N165E to end near EQ175E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Koror west of a line from 9N135E to 6N134E, south of Yap to west of Chuuk within 100 miles of a line from 5N138E to 9N148E, north of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae to south of Wake Island within 180 miles of a line from 10N153E to 15N168E, and finally south of Kosrae across Tarawa and Butaritari Atolls, or south of a line from 3N160E to 6N167E to 3N180. Scattered showers are seen south of Pohnpei between 4N and 7N from 155E to 161E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲82	▼77
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼81
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲84	▼77
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲82	▼76
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Light Drizzle	▲54	▼48
Beijing	Haze	▲79	▼63
Hong Kong	Fair	▲90	▼73
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼73
London	Cloudy	▲59	▼46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼64
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲90	▼77
Melbourne	Light Rain Shower	▲50	▼39
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼75
New York	Cloudy	▲66	▼49
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼55
Paris	Cloudy	▲55	▼51
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲77	▼59
Rome	Fair	▲57	▼48
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼71
San Francisco	Clear	▲59	▼55
Seoul	Fair	▲84	▼48
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼70
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲62	▼59



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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:06 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
5:18 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:51 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:06 AM	6:13 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:12 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:10 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:01 PM	12:53 AM
Thursday	2:54 PM	1:50 AM
Friday	3:46 PM	2:49 AM
Saturday	4:37 PM	3:49 AM
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Nation

Gay couples want Kim Davis to reissue marriage licenses

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)—Gay couples in Kentucky are questioning the validity of altered marriage licenses issued by a defiant county clerk and have asked a federal judge to order her to reissue the licenses or put the office in receivership and have someone else do it.

Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis stopped issuing all marriage licenses in June after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling effectively legalized gay marriage nationwide. Two gay couples and two straight couples sued her. A federal judge ordered Davis to issue the licenses, and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld that order.

But Davis refused, citing “God’s authority.” That’s when U.S. District Court Judge David Bunning threw her in jail, prompting a fierce debate in the public square about religious liberty versus



Rowan County Deputy Clerk Brian Mason, left, asks Shannon Wampler-Collins, right and her partner Carmen Wampler-Collins to double check their marriage license at the Rowan County Judicial Center in Morehead, Ky. Monday, Sept. 14, 2015.

the civil rights afforded to all U.S. citizens.

Davis’ office issued marriage licenses while she was in jail, but the licenses did not include her name. U.S. District Judge David Bunning ruled those licenses were valid and released Davis on the condi-

tion that she not interfere with her employees. She was greeted at the Carter County Detention Center by a crowd of thousands and a church choir, flanked by her attorney and Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee. Davis is a Democrat.

Prosecutor: Short life of Baby Doe marked by neglect, abuse

BOSTON (AP)—In her short, tumultuous life, Bella Bond loved cats, dancing to country music and the color green.

Those were but brief flashes of happiness in a life marked by neglect, abuse and a horrible ending, according to descriptions given by a prosecutor in court Monday as 2-year-old Bella’s mother and the mother’s boyfriend were arraigned on charges in connection with her death.

Michael McCarthy is charged with killing Bella, who was known for nearly three months as Baby Doe as investigators worked to learn her identity. Her mother, Rachelle Bond, is charged with being an accessory after her killing. Both are charged

with unlawful disposal of human remains.

Prosecutor David Deakin described a chaotic home life in which Bond and McCarthy often yelled at Bella and demeaned her, according to a man who lived with the couple this year. Michael Sprinsky told police he twice saw Bond and McCarthy lock Bella in a closet for 30 minutes to an hour “while she screamed to be let out,” Deakin said.

Both told Sprinsky they believed Bella was possessed by demons. Sprinsky said he moved out because he was appalled by how they treated Bella.

Investigators launched a massive search for information about the girl after a woman walking her dog in

June found her body inside a bag on Deer Island. A composite image of the chubby-cheeked girl with deep brown eyes was widely shared on Facebook and reached a staggering 47 million people within two weeks.

State police ran down hundreds of leads and did well-being checks on at least 200 little girls. They didn’t learn her identity until last week, when Bond told Sprinsky that McCarthy had punched her in the abdomen over and over again until she died, Deakin said. He did it after Bella didn’t want to go to sleep, he said.

Deakin said Bond told police that when she saw her daughter’s body, McCarthy said: “She was a demon anyway. It was her time to die.”

Scope of devastation clearer as wildfire evacuees return

By JANIE HAR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The scope of devastation from one of California’s most destructive wildfires is becoming clearer and so too is the size of the humanitarian need in one of the state’s poorer counties.

Gov. Jerry Brown requested a presidential disaster declaration on Monday, noting that more than 1,000 homes had been confirmed destroyed, with the number likely to go higher as assessment continues in Lake County, 90 miles north of San Francisco. Many others are damaged or don’t have power, leaving thousands in need of shelter.

“The biggest challenge is there aren’t enough hotel

rooms in Lake County,” county Supervisor Jim Comstock said Monday. He lost most of his 1,700-acre ranch to fire but kept his house.

Comstock said options for housing are limited in the rural county of small towns linked by winding roads. The Twin Pine Casino and Hotel in Middletown set up beds in its event center, but hotel rooms are reserved for displaced tribal members and employees. An evacuation center at the nearby Napa County Fairgrounds is housing about 500 people in tents and campers, he said.

In a letter to President Obama, Brown noted the fire that started Sept. 12 has burned more than 117 square

miles and killed three people. At its peak, more than 19,000 people were ordered to evacuate. A “major disaster” declaration releases federal money for recovery efforts.

In the same letter, Brown also sought a declaration for another fire in Calaveras and Amador counties that started Sept. 9. That fire destroyed more than 500 homes and killed two people.

Firefighters have made significant progress and many evacuations have been lifted in the Lake County fire. But schools in the Middletown Unified School District are closed for a second week and one in the community of Cobb won’t reopen for months due to fire damage.

Asia

Poll boost for new Aussie PM

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia’s new prime minister received a boost from a respected opinion poll on Tuesday, but the fallout lingers from a bitter party battle as the leader he ousted has attacked the credibility of his new treasurer.

A Newpoll published in The Australian newspaper on Tuesday found that Malcolm Turnbull is Australia’s most popular prime minister in more than five years—a period that covered the terms of Julia Gillard, Kevin Rudd and Tony Abbott.

The poll found 55 percent of respondents preferred him as prime minister—18 points more than Abbott received when the last poll was taken two weeks ago.

Turnbull also opened a 34-point lead over opposition leader Bill Shorten, who had

led Abbott in most Newpolls this year.

Newpoll also puts Turnbull’s coalition government ahead of the center-left Labor Party’s opposition for the first time since April last year. However, the government’s 51 percent to 49 percent lead over the opposition is less than the survey’s 3 percentage point margin of error.

In Abbott’s last news conference as prime minister after he was ousted in a surprise leadership ballot of lawmakers in the ruling Liberal Party, he promised to make the transition to the new administration “as easy as I can.”

“There will be no wrecking, no undermining and no sniping,” Abbott said.

But in his first media interview since then, Abbott contradicted the new Treasurer

Scott Morrison’s version of events leading up to the leadership challenge.

Morrison has said he played no role in the challenge that resulted in his own promotion from social services minister to the senior economics portfolio, which is regarded as the most prestigious after the prime minister.

Morrison also said he warned Abbott’s office days before Turnbull’s challenge that “things were pretty febrile and they should be on high alert.”

But Abbott told The Daily Telegraph newspaper in an interview published on Tuesday that there was no such warning.

“Not true, not true. Scott never warned anyone,” Abbott told the newspaper after a morning surf in Sydney on Monday. “I’m afraid Scott badly misled people.”

Filipino in Singapore jailed for sedition through Facebook

SINGAPORE (AP)—A Filipino nurse working in Singapore was sentenced Monday to four months in jail for describing Singaporeans as losers on his Facebook, and subsequently providing false information to police investigators.

Ello Ed Mundsel Bello, 28, pleaded guilty to a charge of promoting feelings of ill-will and hostility under the country’s sedition act, and two charges of providing false information to the police. An additional charge under the sedition act, and another for lying to the police, was also considered during sentencing.

In a Facebook post on Jan. 2 that received more than 600 hostile replies, Bello called Singaporeans “losers (sic) in their own country.”

Singapore will soon be the “new Filipino state,” he wrote.

He added: “We take their jobs, their future, their women, and soon, we will evict all SG losers out of their own country.”

The Filipino also stated that he was “praying that disasters (sic) strike Singapore and more Singaporeans will die,” and that he would “celebrate” if this happened.

Following the hostility his comments generated, Bello deleted them and lodged a police report, claiming that someone logged into his Facebook account without permission.

Bello was dismissed from his job at Singapore’s Tan Tock Seng Hospital after it was discovered that he had made three other similar online posts in 2014.

In sentencing Bello, district judge Siva Shanmugam emphasized that xenophobic com-

ments had no place in cosmopolitan Singapore as they posed “a threat to our social stability and security.”

“The local-foreigner divide has remained a challenging fault line in our society in recent times,” Shanmugam said.

“Unlike the limited effect and reach of distinct racial or religious issues, this divide affects all and sundry and cannot be regarded as any less delicate or sensitive in the current context,” he added.

The sedition charge is deserving of a three-month jail term, said Shanmugam, who took into account Bello’s status as a first-time offender.

Two counts of providing false information to public officers were awarded a month in jail each, with punishment on these counts running consecutively.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistani court refuses to halt execution of paraplegic man

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan’s highest court on Monday refused to halt the execution of the country’s first known paraplegic death-row convict, a decision handed down one day before he’s scheduled to be hanged at a high-security prison, according to a lawyer and an international rights group. Abdul Basit, 43, has been paralyzed from the waist down and uses a wheelchair since contracting meningitis in prison in 2010, said Sara Belal, a lawyer at the Justice Project Pakistan legal aid group. He has been on death row since 2009 after being convicted of murdering a man in a financial dispute in Punjab province. The Supreme Court of Pakistan rejected a plea to grant a stay of execution for Basit, according to Belal and the human rights group Reprieve. Court officials could not be reached for comment after hours Monday.

PH ex-governor, brother arrested in Thailand

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A former Philippine provincial governor and his brother, who are among the country’s most-wanted crime suspects for the 2011 murder of a radio anchor and prominent environmentalist, have been arrested in Thailand, officials said Monday. Former Gov. Joel Reyes of western Palawan island province and his

brother Mario Reyes, an ex-municipal mayor, were arrested Sunday by Thai police on the southern island of Phuket, said Philippine Justice Secretary Leila de Lima. She said Thai immigration authorities were processing the brothers’ deportation papers. The Philippine government has offered a 2 million peso (\$43,000) reward each for information leading to the arrest of the brothers, who fled the Philippines after being implicated in the murder of Gerardo Ortega.

4 Thai military officers sought in alleged human trafficking

HAT YAI, Thailand (AP)—A court in southern Thailand has issued arrest warrants for four military officers in connection with the trafficking of ethnic Rohingya migrants, police said Monday. Police Lt. Gen. Paveen Pongsirin, the chief investigator for the case, said warrants have now been issued for 153 people, 90 of whom have turned themselves in or been detained. The authorities began their crackdown in May after discovering more than 100 bodies buried in squalid camps built to hide the migrants along the Malaysian border. Ethnic Rohingya continue to flee Myanmar to escape discrimination and seek better economic opportunities. In many cases, the migrants pay to be smuggled by ship, but are then detained by traffickers in Thailand who hold them until their families pay ransoms.

World

Pope presses message to Cuba: Be willing to change

SANTIAGO, Cuba (AP)—Pope Francis marked the anniversary Monday of the day he decided as a teenager to become a priest by pressing a subtle message to Cubans at a delicate point in their own history: Overcome ideological preconceptions and be willing to change.

Francis traveled to Cuba's fourth-largest city, Holguin, and celebrated a Mass where Cuban rhythms mixed with church hymns under a scorching tropical sun.

Later in the day, he flew to Santiago for an evening visit to the shrine of Cuba's patron

^{AP}
Pope Francis approaches the altar with his pastoral staff to celebrate Mass at the Plaza of the Revolution, in Holguin, Cuba, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015.

saint, and on Tuesday he will arrive in Washington for the U.S. leg of his first visit to the two former Cold War enemies.

Singing children and a small crowd waving Cuban and Vatican flags greeted Francis on his arrival, some crying out, "Francis! Holguin is with you!" Holguin's Plaza of the Revolution was packed with an estimated 150,000 people for the Mass, many dressed



in white to protect them from the sun.

Security agents didn't appear to be letting members of the crowd get too close to him. On Sunday, an apparent dissident hung on to the pope-mobile in Havana and seemed to be appealing to the pontiff before the man was dragged away.

In his homily in Holguin, a city of about 300,000, Francis pressed some of the subtle themes he has developed during this balancing act of a Cuban visit. He told the crowd of how Jesus picked a lowly

and despised tax collector, Matthew, and instructed him without casting judgment to follow him. That act of mercy changed Matthew forever.

Francis told the Cubans that they, too, should allow themselves "to slowly overcome our preconceptions and our reluctance to think that others, much less ourselves, can change."

"Do you believe it is possible that a tax collector can be a servant?" he asked on Day 3 of his visit to the island. "Do you believe it is possible that a traitor can become a friend?"

Bickering in the Balkans: Officials clash over migrants

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)—The war of words over Europe's migrant crisis is turning vicious, with officials in the bickering Balkans trading blame and accusations of lying, while also disparaging each other's actions as "pathetic" and a "disgrace."

The plight over how to deal with thousands of asylum seekers is reviving old differences among Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia dating back to the 1990s breakup of Yugoslavia. It's also creating some new tensions.

While the 28-nation European Union remains deeply divided over how to share the burden of relocating the refugees and is convening a series of meetings this week to seek a resolution, the finger-pointing turned especially nasty in the Balkans.

Hungary's decision Sept. 15 to close its border with Serbia has diverted the waves of people from the Middle East, Africa and Asia to Croatia.

At first, Croatia welcomed them, thinking they would simply go to Slovenia and continue on to Austria and Germany. But Slovenia shut its border, and Croatia quickly found itself overwhelmed with about 30,000 people in a matter of days.

Croatia then started putting the asylum seekers on trains and buses, even as their furious leaders argued that they had been let down by their neighbors.

Even though Croatia set up a migrant reception center Monday in the eastern village of Opatovac to try to bring order to the unrelenting chaos and misery, it could hardly undo the damage.

WORLD BRIEFS

Burkina Faso coup leader says he will hand back power

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP)—The Burkina Faso general who seized power in a coup last week apologized to the nation Monday and said he would hand over control to a civilian transitional government after the military warned that its forces would converge on the capital and forcibly disarm the soldiers behind the power grab. Gen. Gilbert Diendere said his presidential guard unit "confirms our commitment to giving power back to civilian authorities," in a communique issued to journalists. That was one of the key conditions of a draft agreement that resulted from weekend negotiations with regional mediators, but it had been unclear until his announcement whether the junta would abide by those terms. Diendere, who led the presidential guard under longtime leader Blaise Compaore until he was forced from power in a popular uprising last year, said the compromises were necessary to avoid further bloodshed. The risk of clashes could lead to "chaos, civil war and

massive human rights violations," he said.

Israeli archaeologists may have found fabled Maccabees tomb

BEN SHEMEN FOREST, Israel (AP)—Israeli archaeologists may be one step closer to solving a riddle that has vexed explorers for more than a century: the location of the fabled tomb of the biblical Maccabees. Israel's government Antiquities Authority said Monday that an ancient structure it began excavating this month on the side of a highway appears to match ancient descriptions of the tomb of Jewish rebels who wrested control of Judea from Seleucid rule and established a Jewish kingdom in the 2nd century B.C. Scholars in Israel's quarrelsome archaeological community tend to agree that the site, in an Israeli forest west of Jerusalem and a short walk from the West Bank, is a significant burial site but reserve judgment about its connection to the Maccabees. Now the Antiquities Authority, which sometimes relies on private funding to help finance digs, is soliciting donations so it can keep searching for evidence.

TO HER NEW HOME
IN PARADISE

*Lydia
Mendiola
Sablan*

Lovingly known
"Lyd" or "Dee"



Walked the path to her new home and life on September 16, 2015 and was happily greeted and reunited at Heaven's gate by her parents *Joaquin Torres and Margarita Mendiola Sablan*; her brothers-in law *Vicente Torres Attao and Antonio Pinaula Rabago*; other family members who have been at peaceful rest in Paradise.

A life fulfilled, Lyd lived a joyful, happy life, always with the beauty of a smile on her face and was a person with patience, caring, was supportive and kind. Her dedication, commitment and especially her love as a mother will be greatly missed by her children and grandchildren — *Ann Melisa S. and Jeffery B. Babauta [Darwin Dennis, Jennalyd Leann, Jeffery, Jr.]; Adrian Michael Sablan; Alvin Mathew and Anita Ayuyu Sablan [Mathew Adrian]*.

Her peaceful spirit and loving memories will forever be in the hearts of her siblings and their families — *Evelyn S. and Bertran Torres; Marylee M. Sablan; Anicia S. and Diego Sasamoto; Joseph M. and Ruby Sablan; Josephine S. Rabago; Merced M. Sablan and Glenn Manglona; Viola S. and Juan DeLeon Guerrero; Joaquin M. and Josepha C. Sablan*; sister and brother of the heart — *Remedio M. Santos and Nicolas (Norbert) Ada*; brother and sister-in-law — *William A. Cachero and Diana C. Villagomez*; aunt and uncle — *Justina R. Demapan and Oly Jusi*.

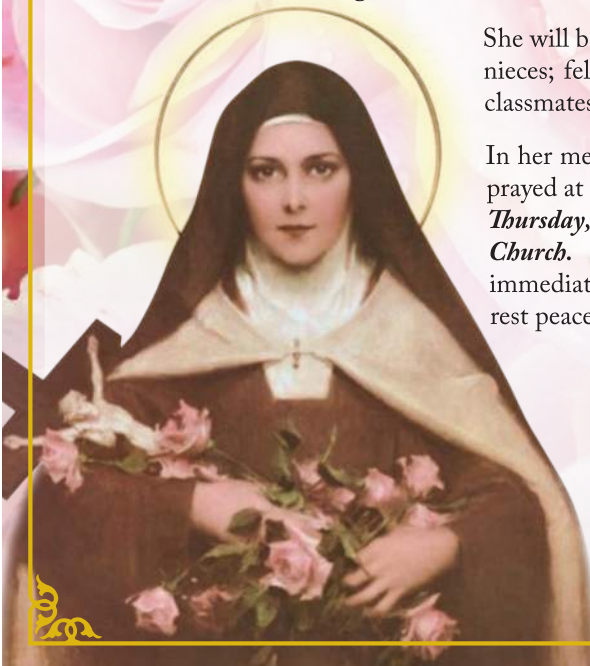
She will be greatly missed by her numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces; fellow workers at Saipan Health Clinic and St. Jude Renal Care; her classmates; and the many friends she bonded with.

In her memory, masses of intention are offered daily at 6:00 a.m. and rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at San Jose Church. *Lyd* will be with us for the last time on *Thursday, September 24, 2015 with response and rosary at 8:00 a.m. at San Jose Church*. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed immediately with interment service at Mount Carmel Cemetery where she will rest peacefully with her parents.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence
are sincerely appreciated.

Children and families of †Lydia Mendiola Sablan

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†Joaquin Torres and Margarita Mendiola Sablan



Life & Style

Emmys by the numbers: HBO, 43, Game Of Thrones, 12, Hamm, 1

LOS ANGELES (AP)—No matter how you do the math, HBO and its powerhouse series “Game of Thrones” had a big night at the 67th Emmy Awards.

So did George R.R. Martin, whose novels are the well-spring for the fondly nicknamed “GOT” and who turned 67

Sunday—the same age as the prime-time Emmys, but likely more venerated for his years.

Here’s a deeper look at the Emmys by the numbers:

■ Combined number of awards won by HBO at main and creative arts awards: 43

■ Combined total for all oth-



George R. R. Martin arrives at the 2015 HBO Primetime Emmy Awards After Party at Pacific Design Center on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in West Hollywood, Calif.

er competitors: 79.

■ Number of Emmys won by the Big 4 broadcast networks: 26.

■ Total won by Amazon, Netflix and other digital platforms: 16.

■ Impressive record set by “Game of Thrones”: One, with its 12 awards topping the single-season record of nine trophies set by “The West Wing” in 2000.

■ Impressive record tied by “Game of Thrones”: One,

matching “Hill Street Blues” and “The West Wing” as the most-honored drama ever with 26 awards—and still counting for “GOT.”

■ Youngest winner: Uzo Aduba, 34.

■ Oldest winner: Jeffrey Tambor, 71.

■ Giant and overdue step for the Emmys: One, with Viola Davis the first African-American to win a best drama series actress trophy.

■ Number of tweets about Davis sent the minute after she won: 12,600

■ Awards won by Taraji P. Henson: Zero, but a nod for season one of “Empire,” one of the night’s winningest dresses and a Class Act award for giving Davis a standing ovation.

■ Awards won by African-American actors and actresses at Sunday’s and creative arts awards: Four.

■ Awards won by Hispanic, Asian-American or any other minority actors: Zero.

■ Awards won by “Mad Men” star Jon Hamm after being nominated eight times for the drama: One.

■ Number of actors who skipped the stairs and threw themselves on the stage: One, Hamm.

Adams says covering Swift’s ‘1989’ was ‘incredibly humbling’

NEW YORK (AP)—Rocker Ryan Adams said covering Taylor Swift’s entire “1989” album was “incredibly humbling” and helped him explore himself more deeply as a musician.

Adams’ version of “1989” was digitally released Monday. Swift released the original album—her first full-blown pop record—last October.

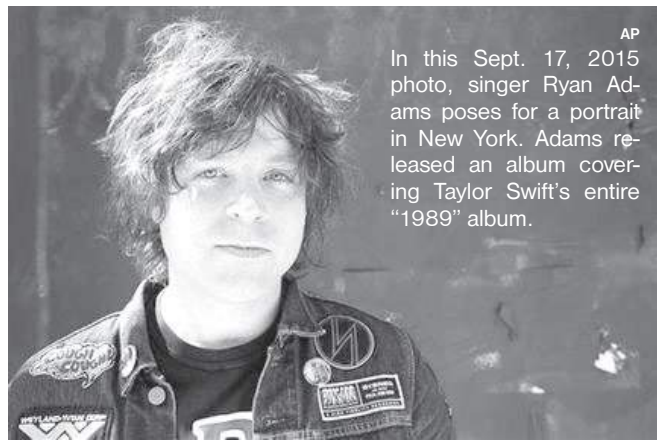
“It’s actually incredibly humbling to find a connection with someone else’s words and someone else’s songs and to open yourself up and to feel them fully, and find out where those stories take you,” Adams, 40, said in an interview last week. “It felt no less genuine than any song I’ve ever written for myself.”

So far, Swift’s fifth album has sold 5.2 million units and launched multiple hits, in-

cluding No. 1s like “Shake It Off,” “Blank Space” and “Bad Blood.” Adams’ interpretation of “1989” offers a slowed-down take on her upbeat anthems.

“I got to work different parts of my brain, different parts of my heart and different parts of the musical aspects of my personality,” Adams said of covering Swift’s music. “It’s really its own thing. ...It’s not the same record.”

After completing his version, the singer-songwriter-producer played it for 25-year-old Swift before taking it any further. He namedropped Bob Mould as one his favorite musicians, but added in the same breath: “But then I also love all those songs on (Swift’s) ‘Fearless’ (album). I don’t really have a place where my music begins and ends.”



In this Sept. 17, 2015 photo, singer Ryan Adams poses for a portrait in New York. Adams released an album covering Taylor Swift’s entire “1989” album.

Miss America thought deflated football answer would cost her crown

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Betty Cantrell, named Miss America eight days ago, should be totally focused on the crown. Instead, she’s still thinking about the New England Patriots.

Cantrell told The Associated Press in a recent interview that when she was asked in the pageant’s question-and-answer section whether Patriots quarterback Tom Brady cheated by using deflated footballs, she thought her answer might keep her from winning the crown.

Initially, Cantrell said she wasn’t sure, then she went further: “I’d have to see the ball and feel it. If there’s any question, then yes, he cheated.”

Later Cantrell said she wasn’t

sure how to answer the question and wished she had been asked about music or theater.

“You know, I tried to give an opinion based on the facts that I knew, which were very slim, and I think that the verdict came out during the week of competition that the suspension was (lifted) ... and that he was able to play again ... so I had no idea,” she said.

“We really don’t have our phones that week so I didn’t know that had happened and I just want to leave that question up to the sports fans. ... Hopefully, the Tom Brady fans will forgive me and be OK with me again so we’ll see, but I think it is blowing over.”



In this Sept. 18, 2015 photo, newly-crowned Miss America 2016, Betty Cantrell poses for a portrait in Los Angeles.

Couple's open relationship may end up closing theirs

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old woman and currently live with my boyfriend. We have a child. Before we started living together, we discussed having an open relationship. We realized how messy it can be, so we agreed on having a “free pass” with ONE person, ONE time. I have met that person; it is a woman.

At first, my boyfriend was OK with it. But now that I’m ready to do it, he’s acting jealous. I told him I would stand by his side if he changed his mind about me doing this, but I’m excited to experience this alone and not have him involved. Help, please, Abby?

CARRYING OUT THE PLAN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CARRYING OUT: Your boyfriend may be feeling insecure because he is afraid of losing you. But this is what he agreed to—a “free pass” with one person. If you feel you need to further explore your sexuality and he is unwilling to allow it, then it’s time to rethink your relationship with him because you may not be as suited to each other as you both thought.

And, by the way, the same may be true for him. If he needs someone who is a one-man woman, then you may not be it.

DEAR ABBY: My son “Pete” is a felon from an incident that cost him six years in a federal penitentiary. He has one more year

left on parole. He married a professional “psychic” he met online who we believe has borderline personality disorder. There have been several instances of serious physical abuse toward my son. He is constantly trying to adapt to her ever-changing moods to reduce these conflicts, to no avail.

Yesterday she smashed a coffee pot into Pete’s face, causing a 3-inch gash. Then she took his guitar and smashed in the windows of his truck. When she’s not violent, she threatens to kill herself. She recently moved here from the U.K. and must maintain a living situation with her husband for at least a year to establish citizenship. Pete wants to stick it out for the sake of his wife’s daughter.

I think my son should call the police and make a report, but he is afraid of how she would and will retaliate. She knows his background and could accuse him of anything, if it comes down to a “he said/she said” situation. I’m not sure what to do, Abby. Any thoughts?

DESPERATE MOM IN MARYLAND

DEAR DESPERATE MOM: For his own safety, your son should not continue living with someone as volatile as this woman. Pete could be even more seriously injured in her next attack if he stays. When she acts out again—notice I didn’t say “if”—I agree that he should call the police and make a report.

DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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He should also go to an emergency room for treatment and to have his injuries photographed.

If his parole officer doesn't know what has been going on, he or she should be informed. If Pete thinks his wife could harm her daughter, he should report it to child protective services.

He should never have allowed himself to be held hostage by her threats to kill herself, which is classic emotional blackmail. This “citizenship” marriage has been a sham from the beginning, and your son should end it.

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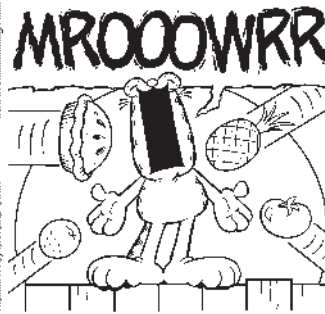
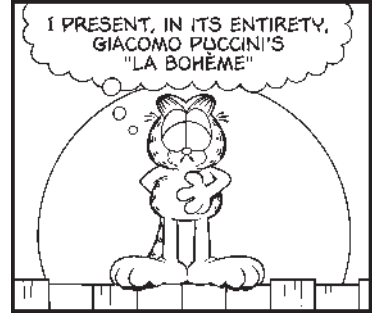
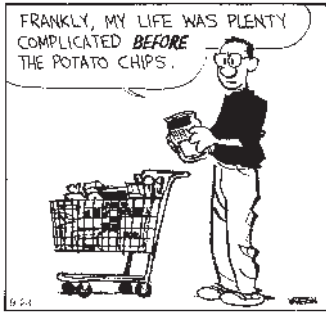
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16 Dangerously fast
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32 "The Amazing —"
33 Heidi's height
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DOWN

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3 BLT
4 Glorious
5 Mess
6 Census stat
7 Harvest
8 Witty
9 Hearty
10 "What's up, —?"
11 "A mouse!"
17 Barbie's companion
19 Noah's craft
22 Sugar or starch, for short
23 Met expectations?
25 Texas city
26 Reverberate
27 Plumbing problem
28 Low voice
29 Earthen pot
30 October birthstone
31 Gambling game
35 Moved furtively
38 Bit part, maybe
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42 Conk out
45 Recedes
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48 There-fore
49 Picture of health?
50 Buddy
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53 The whole enchilada
54 Shuffle-board stick

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-23

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Happy Birthday: Take one step at a time and make sure you have the approval of those who could potentially cut your progress short. Sticking to rules and regulations and being ready to deal with unexpected changes will make the upcoming year an eventful one. Your undivided attention will be required in order to achieve the goals you set. Your numbers are 7, 16, 22, 25, 32, 39, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Romance will play a major role in your life. Discussing future plans with someone you love will bring you one step closer to living the lifestyle you desire. Call in favors if it will help you get what you want. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional issues will ruin your day if you let a squabble turn into a major argument. Focus on doing things for others as well as finding solutions to the challenges you face. Get along and do your best to keep the peace. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make plans to have some fun. Plan to visit a retreat, conference or destination that will offer intellectual stimulation. Love is on the rise, and sharing with someone you care for will improve your life. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Draw on your resources and learn from those around you and you will take strides toward accomplishing great things. An opportunity to discover

new philosophies or religions that fit your current mindset will bring you greater clarity. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be ready to make changes to your appearance, skillset or geographical location. Don't let someone's reluctance to see things your way cause uncertainty when it comes to following through with your plans. Push forward with strength and courage. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make personal changes that will help you build greater confidence. Being realistic about what's possible and what isn't will be the deciding factor regarding what you end up accomplishing. Don't waste time on sketchy plans or partners. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep a close watch over the things you value the most. Emotional matters are sure to increase the pressure being put on you by someone you have been questioning lately. A sudden change will play out in your favor. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid an emotional confrontation with someone over work-related matters. Try to do a good job and let your work speak for you. It's OK to do things a little differently as long as the end result is spectacular. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your busy schedule and efficient way of handling everything that comes your way will make an impression on someone special. You don't have to exaggerate when you're already doing great work. Love is in the stars. ★★★

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be open and honest with others, but be willing to walk away if things don't work in your favor. Staying on top of an unfolding situation will give you a good indication of where you stand and what's to come. ★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have insight into what others want and how to go about making things happen. The simpler you keep things, the easier it will be to strategically position yourself for future opportunities. ★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone will pry into your personal affairs. Don't divulge information that can be used against you. Protect your reputation, assets and your possessions. Someone you least expect will let you down or disappoint you. A realistic plan will be required. ★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Solution: 4 letters

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Price pitches 7 shutout innings, Jays beat Yankees, 4-2



TORONTO
(AP)—David Price

pitched seven shutout innings, Jose Bautista had two hits and the Toronto Blue Jays used a three-run first inning to beat the New York Yankees 4-2 on Monday night.

Toronto stretched its lead in the AL East division to 3 1-2 games in the opener of a three-game showdown between the division's top teams.

Facing the Yankees for the fourth time since joining the Blue Jays in a July 30 trade, Price (17-5) improved to 3-0 with a 1.71 ERA against New York with Toronto.

Roberto Osuna overcame Greg Bird's two-out solo homer in the ninth to earn his 17th save.

Toronto jumped on Adam Warren (6-7) with a three-run first.

Pirates 9, Rockies 3

In Denver, Starling Marte homered among his four hits and came within a triple of the cycle, and Pittsburgh beat the Rockies.

Aramis Ramirez went deep and Jody Mercer had four hits for the Pirates, who reduced their magic number for clinching a postseason berth to two. A win Tuesday and a San Francisco loss would clinch at least a wild card for the third straight season.

Mercer hit doubles in the second and fourth innings to drive in Francisco Cervelli, who had three hits, as the Pirates built a 5-0 lead on Jon Gray (0-2).

Pittsburgh starter A.J. Burnett (9-5) cruised through the first four innings before an error in the fifth preceded Tom Murphy's three-run homer that made it 5-3.

Astros 6, Angels 3

In Houston, Evan Gattis and Carlos Correa hit two-run homers, and the Astros beat the Angels in a matchup of American League wild-card playoff contenders.

Dallas Keuchel (18-8) pitched 7 2-3 solid innings to remain undefeated at home this season. More importantly, the All-Star left-hander helped



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez hits the ground after fouling a ball off his foot during first-inning baseball game action against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015.

Houston keep momentum by winning its third straight.

The Astros (80-71) lead the Minnesota Twins by three games and the Angels by 3 1-2 for the AL's second wild-card spot. The victory put the Astros within a game of first-place Texas in the AL West.

Right-hander Jered Weaver (7-12) lasted 5 2-3 innings for the Angels, giving up five runs and nine hits, including the two homers.

Mets 4, Braves 0

In New York, Jonathon Niese won for the first time in a month, Michael Conforto homered and the Mets moved closer to an NL East title with their victory over the Braves.

Daniel Murphy lined a two-run double, Yoenis Cespedes had three hits and the Mets handed hard-luck Shelby Miller (5-16) his 15th straight defeat. New York stretched its lead to 6 1/2 games over the second-place Nationals with 12 to play and lowered its magic number for

clinching the division to seven.

Niese (9-10) tossed three-hit ball for six innings, keeping the ball down during an encouraging outing and getting 13 of his 18 outs on the ground.

Miller lost his seventh straight start. He threw a season-high 113 pitches in six innings, allowing two runs and seven hits — including Conforto's homer. The right-hander is winless in his last 23 outings, the longest drought for a starter in Atlanta history, since coming within one out of a no-hitter in a 6-0 win May 17 at Miami.

Diamondbacks 8, Dodgers 4

In Los Angeles, Paul Goldschmidt homered after Yasmany Tomas and Aaron Hill gave the Diamondbacks the lead with longballs off Brett Anderson as Arizona beat Los Angeles.

The Dodgers' loss in the opener of this four-game series kept their magic number for clinching a third straight NL West title at seven, with second-

place San Francisco idle.

Jhoulys Chacin (1-1) allowed two runs, six hits and four walks over 5 1-3 innings in his fourth start for the Diamondbacks, one day after they were mathematically eliminated from postseason contention. The seven-year veteran right-hander posted his first win in the majors since June 12, 2014, with Colorado.

The Diamondbacks' bullpen came up big in the sixth after Chacin walked two batters and was pulled with one out. Andrew Chafin struck out pinch-hitter Scott Van Slyke and David Hernandez fanned pinch-hitter Scott Schebler.

Cubs 9, Brewers 5

In Chicago, Anthony Rizzo had three hits and scored three runs, Jorge Soler hit a pinch-hit, 3-run shot and the Cubs beat the Brewers.

The Cubs inched closer to a NL playoff berth as their magic number to clinch fell to four.

Rizzo reached in all five of his at-bats after walking twice

to go along with his three hits.

Milwaukee's Adam Lind tied the game at 4 with a two-run homer in the fifth inning off Cubs starter Jason Hammel (9-6), who allowed three earned runs over his five innings.

Wily Peralta (5-10) allowed four walks and eight hits. He gave up six runs over 4 2-3 innings.

Red Sox 8, Rays 7

In Boston, Xander Bogaerts hit a grand slam in the eighth inning to lift Boston to a victory over Tampa Bay, moving the Red Sox out of the AL East's basement and ahead of the Rays.

David Ortiz collected his 99th RBI on a night he was honored at Fenway Park for hitting his 500th career homer. It was his first home game since he joined the 500-home run club, hitting it against the Rays on Sept. 12.

Brandon Guyer homered on the game's second pitch to spark a three-run first for the Rays, who lost for the seventh time in 10 games.

Jean Machi (1-0) got one out

for the win. Robbie Ross Jr. pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Bogaerts homered off Brandon Gomes (2-6). Jackie Bradley Jr. was hit by a pitch and Mookie Betts and Pedroia singled before Bogaerts hit his homer over the Green Monster.

Cardinals 2, Reds 1

In St. Louis, Rookie Stephen Piscotty doubled in the go-ahead run in a two-run eighth inning and the Cardinals turned it on late for a victory over the Reds.

Rookie Tommy Pham tripled off J.J. Hoover (8-2) to open the eighth and Jhonny Peralta's one-out single tied it ahead of Piscotty's drive off the wall in left-center.

Johnathon Broxton (3-5) allowed one hit the eighth and Trevor Rosenthal earned his 47th save in 49 chances to match the franchise record.

White Sox 2, Tigers 0, 1st game; White Sox 3, Tigers 2, 2nd game

In Detroit, Erik Johnson followed a one-hitter by Jeff Smardzija with six solid innings, leading the White Sox to a victory over the Tigers for a doubleheader sweep.

Smardzija allowed only a leadoff single to Victor Martinez in the fifth inning as the White Sox won the opener 2-0.

Gordon Beckham homered, Jose Abreu had an RBI double and Avisail Garcia a sacrifice fly in the night cap of the split-doubleheader. All the runs came off Detroit's Randy Wolf (0-4).

Johnson (3-0) allowed a long ball to Alex Avila and a sacrifice fly to Ian Kinsler. Making his fourth start this season after spending most of it at Triple-A Charlotte, Johnson matched a career best with nine strikeouts. He allowed five hits and two walks.

In the opener, no other batter reached base against Smardzija (10-13), who struck out six in his second shutout this season.

Adam Eaton singled in Carlos Sanchez in the third, and Sanchez homered in the sixth against Kyle Ryan (2-4), who allowed six hits in seven innings.

Harden, Davis ready to see if they've closed gap on Curry



NEW YORK (AP)—The Beard and the Brow checked the same place first when they got a look at the NBA 2K16 video game.

"My rating," James Harden said.

"My rating," echoed Anthony Davis, "and my jump shot. See how far I can shoot. That's the first thing I do, every time."

Soon enough, they can see how their teams rate in the NBA's Western Conference.

Harden, Davis and league MVP Stephen Curry earned cover honors for the new release of

the popular game, and all three were in New York on Monday night for a launch party.

It was the kickoff to their last week of summer vacation—an especially short one for Curry after Golden State won the NBA title. Their teams and most in the NBA open training camp next Tuesday.

Curry said the focus of his off-season workouts was on getting stronger and faster to prevent injury, as well as the shooting and dribbling that are already at or near the top of the league.

"It's not like I'll go in and try to implement a post game, work on a hook shot or things like

that," Curry said. "I've just got to be able to take what I do well and make it even better."

His Warriors knocked out Davis' New Orleans Pelicans in the first round and Harden's Houston Rockets in the Western Conference finals. Now those stars are anxious to see if their teams have closed the gap.

Davis has seen one preseason ranking of the Pelicans as the No. 8 team in the NBA, which gives him confidence it can be done quickly.

"It can happen in a matter of a year, couple of years," he said. "I mean, we were 12th in the West coming into the season

last year, made the playoffs in the eighth spot. Just off last year they got us No. 8 overall in the league, so to go from 12th in the West to 8 overall in the league, that's a huge jump."

The Rockets made a stunning comeback from 3-1 down in the second round against the Los Angeles Clippers, but won't even be considered the best team in Texas going into this season after San Antonio loaded up with the signings of LaMarcus Aldridge and David West.

"We like it that way. No one expected us to be in the conference finals last year, and we like being underrated, kind of sneak-

ing up on teams," Harden said. "So we'll continue to work, continue to build our chemistry, our camaraderie, and be ready for the regular season."

The cover stars took part in a panel discussion with TNT's Shaquille O'Neal and Ernie Johnson, and director Spike Lee, who wrote and directed a feature for the game telling the story of a player's rise to the NBA.

They shared humorous stories of college recruitments, decisions to turn pro, signing with agents and even buying pets. Davis owns a monkey, while O'Neal purchased a horse he has ridden only once after it threw him on that first attempt.

But the video game itself is

serious business. Besides seeing how highly he was rated, Davis checked to see if his appearance and shot-blocking ability were right. Harden even performs the "stir the pot" move he does in the NBA when he gets hot.

Curry's underhand scoop shot layup was added to his video game character's repertoire, and he participated for the first time in the game's motion capture technology after fans complained his release wasn't the same as in real life.

"So I played the game, checked the release and timing," Curry said. "It looks pretty good and pretty realistic."

NBA 2K16 is available for purchase Friday.



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AMP courts reopening to take awhile



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The American Memorial Park tennis courts are still closed after it sustained damage from Typhoon Soudelor last month.

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The American Memorial Park tennis courts will not reopen soon as clearing and repair works are needed to make the facility safe for public use.

"Last week, I specifically looked at the tennis courts' needs for repairs for safe use. While our local staff can com-

plete most of the tree removal, both the damaged fencing and lights will need removal and repair before the courts can be opened again," said Jim Richardson, superintendent of War in the Pacific NHP (Guam) and the American Memorial Park (Saipan).

He added that fencing and lighting repair works will be done by contractors and it will take several months to deter-

mine the company or companies that will complete these jobs. Shipment of the materials needed for the repairs will also require a long waiting time.

"Knowing the contracting timelines, we are looking at probably February or March for the fencing and likely a month or more after that for the lighting. We will open the courts as soon as they are safe to do so and once the fence is complete

and all hazards have been removed," Richardson said.

The AMP tennis courts have been closed since Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan early last month. The entrance to the facility is blocked by big logs while tree branches are scattered around the four courts.

Some light posts either fell on the ground or sustained damage, just like the fence. The steel bleacher tumbled and some portions of it were crumpled.

A month after the typhoon, some tennis players have in-

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Siruelo tops FilTaga monthly ace

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Nestor Siruelo ended up tied with Ernie Lopez but the former earned the FilTaga September Ace of the Month in the group's monthly tournament held last Sunday at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Both golfers finished with a net score of 76 but Siruelo clinched a spot in FilTaga's yearend tournament since Lopez had already secured one following his victory last March.

FilTaga looked into the back nine scorecards of both golfers then deducted half of their handicaps to break the tie.

Siruelo, based on the rule, scored 50 at the back and with a 20 handicap (10) gave him a net score of 40. Lopez finished with a 35 (48 at the back nine, 26 handicap) after the tiebreak.

Rene Batallones (77), William Retardo (79), Raffy Piamonte (82), Larry Pascual, Paul Bea, and Freddie Cataluña (83), Eric Mandel (86),

Mike Cruz and Ruben Avendaño (87), and John Matsumoto (88) completed the list of participants.

Siruelo was the September Ace but Lopez went home with the cash prize. He now joins the list of 12 FilTaga monthly winners.

Vic Roman and Randy Tudela (A and B, January), Jhun Ortiz and Raffy Piamonte (A and B, February), Lopez (March), Bea (April), Pascual and Dandito Breboneria (A and B, May), Retardo (June), Cataluña and Avendaño (A and B, July), and Greg Castro (August) have also earned berths to the FilTaga yearend tournament, to be held either in late December or early January 2016.

Cataluña also won the par-3 nearest to the pin at holes No. 3 and 7, while Mandel and Pascual equaled the feat at No. 13 and 17, respectively.

The FilTaga October Ace of the Month is set on Oct. 18 with the venue to be announced at a later date. Tee time is 12:30pm.



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Junar Guiab, seen here going for a layup against Hard Kulangot's J.R. Barrios, scored 22 points in Oh My J's 61-50 win over Kidlat in their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Monday at the Navy Hill court.

Oh My J keeps streak

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Oh My J cruised to its fourth consecutive win after beating Kidlat, 61-50, in their rescheduled game in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League last Monday night at the Navy Hill court.

Team captain Junar Guiab led Oh My J anew, scoring a game-high 22 points. He drew a lot of support from his teammates, as five other Oh My J players nailed at least two baskets apiece to lift the team to the 11-point win.

Oh My J improved its record to 4-1 for a tie for first place with Makalaro Lang and Wag Kang Pabebe, pending the results of the latter's game against Red Rice last night. Kidlat continued to slide down the team standings with its 1-4 mark.

The Kidlat-Oh My J tiff was originally set for last Sunday, but was rescheduled the following day due to rain. When the match finally took off, Guiab got his offensive game going early, as he knocked in 4 of Oh My J's first 6 markers and then followed it up with 8 straight points after Nate Mateo drilled his first basket in the game.

With Guiab finishing the first half with 12 points, Oh My J registered a 26-22 halftime lead. Kidlat stayed in the match despite Guiab's good start behind the 9 points of White Capalad, who tried to step in for Manolo Manalo. Manalo failed to play for Kidlat for the second straight game.

Guiab kept going in the second half, adding 10 more points, but the last 20 minutes of play belonged to Mateo, who buried three triples after being held

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